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Centre to gather support to remove Justice Varma

Process to obtain signatures for motion seeking removal of the Allahabad HC judge to commence soon, says Union Minister Rijiju; major political parties have extended support to the initiative

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

With the Monsoon Session of Parliament scheduled from July 21, the Centre is set to begin the process of collecting signatures for a motion seeking the removal of Allahabad High Court judge Justice Yashwant Varma over the discovery of burnt currency notes at his official residence. Several major political parties have expressed their willingness, in principle, to support the initiative.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday said that while the process of obtaining signatures would commence shortly, a decision was yet to be taken on whether the motion would be introduced in the Lok Sabha or the Rajya Sabha. Support of a minimum of 100 members are required for the Lok Sabha, and at least 50 members for the Rajya Sabha, for such a motion to be admitted.

Even if the motion is introduced during the upcoming session, it is unlikely to reach a conclusion within the same period. Under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968, once a motion for the removal of a judge is admitted in either House, the presiding officer is required to constitute a three-member committee – composed of a Supreme Court judge, a High Court Chief Justice, and a distinguished jurist – to investigate the matter, and submit a report within three months.

Responding to speculation regarding the findings of an in-house panel formed by former Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna to probe the case, Mr. Rijiju clarified that such a report alone could not suffice to proceed with a removal motion in Parliament. He noted that the panel had not indicted Justice Varma, but had recommended the appropriate next steps, as the constitutional authority to remove a judge rests solely with Parliament.

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The constitutional authority to remove a judge rests solely with Parliament

Global South's voice key to contemporary world's progress: PM

Ghana President John Mahama adorns PM Narendra Modi with 'The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana' on Wednesday. ANI

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Progress in the contemporary world will not be possible without giving a voice to the Global South, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday while addressing a joint session of Ghana's Parliament in its capital Accra.

Mr. Modi, who received Ghana's highest state honour 'The Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana', quoted the country's founding father Kwame Nkrumah, who said that Africa and India are connected by "intrinsic" forces.

"The world order created after the Second World War is changing fast... the rise of the Global South, and the shifting demographics are contributing to its pace and scale. Challenges that humanity has faced in earlier centuries still persist in different forms," Mr. Modi said.

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Remarks on CS: Horatti seeks explanation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti on Thursday sought an explanation from Chief Whip of the Opposition in the House N. Ravi Kumar for making allegedly derogatory and sexist remarks against Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh. This followed Congress MLCs and leaders petitioning him seeking disciplinary action against the BJP leader.

"As it is a serious issue, I have written to Mr. Ravikumar seeking his reply on the reported remark," Mr. Horatti told *The Hindu* over phone.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka IAS Officers' Association condemned the alleged remarks of Mr. Ravikumar made during a protest on Tuesday.

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Charting Gill's ascent — from a promising colt to a leader of men

Right from representing the boys in blue in the U-19 World Cup in 2018 where he amassed 372 in five innings with a remarkable average of 124 to captaining India in the longest format in the post-Rohit era, the Punjab native has been full of beans and ambition

R. Kaushik
BIRMINGHAM

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In his first 13 Tests outside Asia, Shubman Gill had only two half-centuries and a highest of 91, which came in Brisbane on his maiden tour in 2020-21. That record was in direct contrast to the numbers he stacked up in India and Bangladesh, where 19 matches yielded five centuries.

Having waited more than four years for his maiden non-subcontinental century, India's newest Test captain has doubled that tally in 13 days in England. A flowing 147 on his first day as skipper, at Headingley in Leeds, was followed by a brilliant encore at Edgbaston as he registered his highest Test score, an effort notable for the ease with which he handled a potentially tricky situation and the complete control that manifested itself both in solid defence and sparkling stroke-making.

Gill might not have been the obvious favourite to succeed Rohit Sharma when the latter retired from Test cricket at the beginning of May, even though he was the Mumbaikar's deputy at the Champions Trophy in Dubai in February-March and had led the T20 International side on their 4-1 conquest of Zimbabwe last July. In normal course, it is more than likely that that responsibility would have fallen on Jasprit Bumrah's careworn but sturdy shoulders, but there isn't much about Bumrah that is normal, is there?

By the time Rohit called time on his Test career, Bumrah had led India thrice - once in Birmingham in 2022 in a Test held over from 12 months previously when the designated captain was down with Covid-19, and twice in Australia over the winter. In the Perth Test, the first of the series which Rohit missed as he was back in Mumbai awaiting the birth of his second child, Bumrah led from the front, orchestrating an unexpected and commanding victory against all odds. Several weeks later, in Sydney in the fifth and final match, Rohit stood down owing to poor form, while Bumrah broke down and couldn't bowl in the fourth innings on a spicy surface where his presence might have helped secure a 2-2 stalemate.

Bumrah's back has been the source of much concern and conversation in the cricket world - if not perhaps to the same extent as Sachin Tendulkar's elbow or back, then very, very close to it - and more than anything else, that offending part of the body prevented his elevation as a full-time Test captain. Bumrah has undergone surgery on his back in the past and the Sydney mishap was identified as a stress reaction which kept him out of commission for three months. India knew they had to manage Bumrah carefully, look after him so that he doesn't bowl himself out of contention, and follow medical advice from experts who knew how much load he could take, and at what intervals.

The necessity to preserve the national cricketing treasure dictated that there was no way Bumrah could be the Test skipper. After all, how can you make someone the captain when you know for sure that he won't be able to play every match? Injuries are a part of every professional sportsperson's journey but Bumrah's case being different, he had to abandon whatever captaincy aspirations he might have entertained. Likewise, the decision-makers were compelled to shell any designs to make him the skipper.

For some reason, those strolling the corridors of power chose to overlook the credentials of K.L. Rahul, still only 33 and with more than a dozen years of international experience behind him. While it might appear uncharitable to Gill, it was under these circumstances that the captaincy was conferred on him. Gill hadn't had a great taste of captaincy at the first-class level, only five games, but clearly, the men who mattered were impressed with his reading of the game, and with his tactical and man-management skills during his two years helming Gujarat Titans in the IPL.

Gill is soft-spoken but that must not be confused with being pliant or malleable. Right from his junior days, his inner steel has been all too obvious. When India won the 2018 Under-19 World Cup under Prithvi Shaw, Gill was the team's leading scorer (and the second highest in the competition) with 372 from five innings at an average of 124 and a strike-rate of 112.38. The flamboyant Shaw made the early charge to the senior team, earning a Test debut that same October and marking it with a century on debut in Rajkot against West Indies, but his fall from grace was as meteoric as his rise had been.

Gill took a little longer to convince the team management that he too deserved his spot in the Test XI. Ironically and interestingly enough, he made his debut at the expense of Shaw, who played himself out of the reckoning with a string of poor scores, an injury and his off-field excesses that didn't endear him to even a management group willing to give him a long rope.

Looking the part

Right from his first day in Test cricket, Gill looked the part. Only 21 when he donned the India whites in the Boxing Day showpiece event in 2020, he wowed the connoisseurs with a flowing 45 in the first innings and a timely unbeaten 35 in the second when India were chasing 70 for a series-levelling victory after their 36 all out implosion in Adelaide in the pink-ball Test. Gill's game was ideally suited to the hard, bouncy Australian tracks, where movement wasn't anywhere near as pronounced as bounce. His propensity to stay legside of the ball meant he could access the offside with ease, riding the bounce comfortably and using his now-patented short-arm jabs to grand effect as he peppered the square fence. His backfoot mastery also manifested itself in pulls through mid-wicket against the likes of Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Pat Cummins, singling him out as a batter who had more time than most to play the quickest of bowlers.

A fairytale initiation culminated in a subliminal 91, the highest score of the innings during their historic chase of 328 at the Gabba which gave them a magnificent 2-1 triumph in a series where proven performers dropped off like autumn leaves with each progressive Test. Australia's accomplished bowling attack made no impression on him when, with a deserved maiden century beckoning, Gill edged an attempted drive off off-spinner Nathan Lyon to Steve Smith at slip. His knock was overshadowed by the exuberance of Rishabh Pant - now his deputy - who hauled his team home with an epochal unbeaten 89.

At the time, few would have predicted this prolonged wait for a first Test ton that did not come in India or Bangladesh. It was frustrating, it was inexplicable. Gill seemed to have all the tools needed to succeed everywhere in the world, not least a strong and versatile backfoot game, so there seemed no discernible reason why, after that tour of Australia, he would have a highest of only 36 in 18 innings away from the subcontinent. One wondered, when he was made the captain in May, if that was the best course of action, given how pronounced his own batting travails were.

Gill set about correcting the anomaly in Leeds, batting at an unfamiliar position on the first day of the series. Occupying the No. 4 position that for nearly three decades had been manned unchallenged by Tendulkar and then Virat Kohli, Gill uncorked a magical 147 full of gorgeous strokes. There was a platform, 92 for two, sure, but there still was plenty of work to be done on a batting beauty. Gill's comrades in arms during successive stands of 129 and 195 were Yashasvi Jaiswal and Pant. All three made hundreds in India's 471, but 835 runs in the match weren't enough to prevent a crushing five-wicket loss in a harsh initiation to the responsibilities of Test captaincy.

Before Edgbaston, Gill had to make several tough calls. Sure, head coach Gautam Gambhir would have had a massive say in the personnel India put out, but in cricket, the buck generally stops with the captain. Bumrah being rested was almost inevitable, given how limited the turnaround time is between Birmingham and Lord's, but the continued benching of Kuldeep Yadav, Gill must have known, would be a heated talking point, especially in Bumrah's absence. The axing of Sai Sudharsan after one Test to infuse an additional 'all-round' option too would come under the microscope. But if Gill was affected by any or all of this blowing up in his face, there simply was no evidence of that.

The track at Edgbaston was as batter-friendly as the one at Headingley, but India's batting effort on being put in, again, wasn't as convincing. Rahul went early, Karun Nair fell at the stroke of lunch, Jaiswal threw his hand away after a polished 87, and Pant and Nitish Kumar fell in contrasting fashions, the former attempting an extravagant stroke and the latter offering none. At 211 for five, India were in danger of falling well below par but Gill had faith in Ravindra Jadeja's batting skills and the veteran campaigner didn't disappoint.

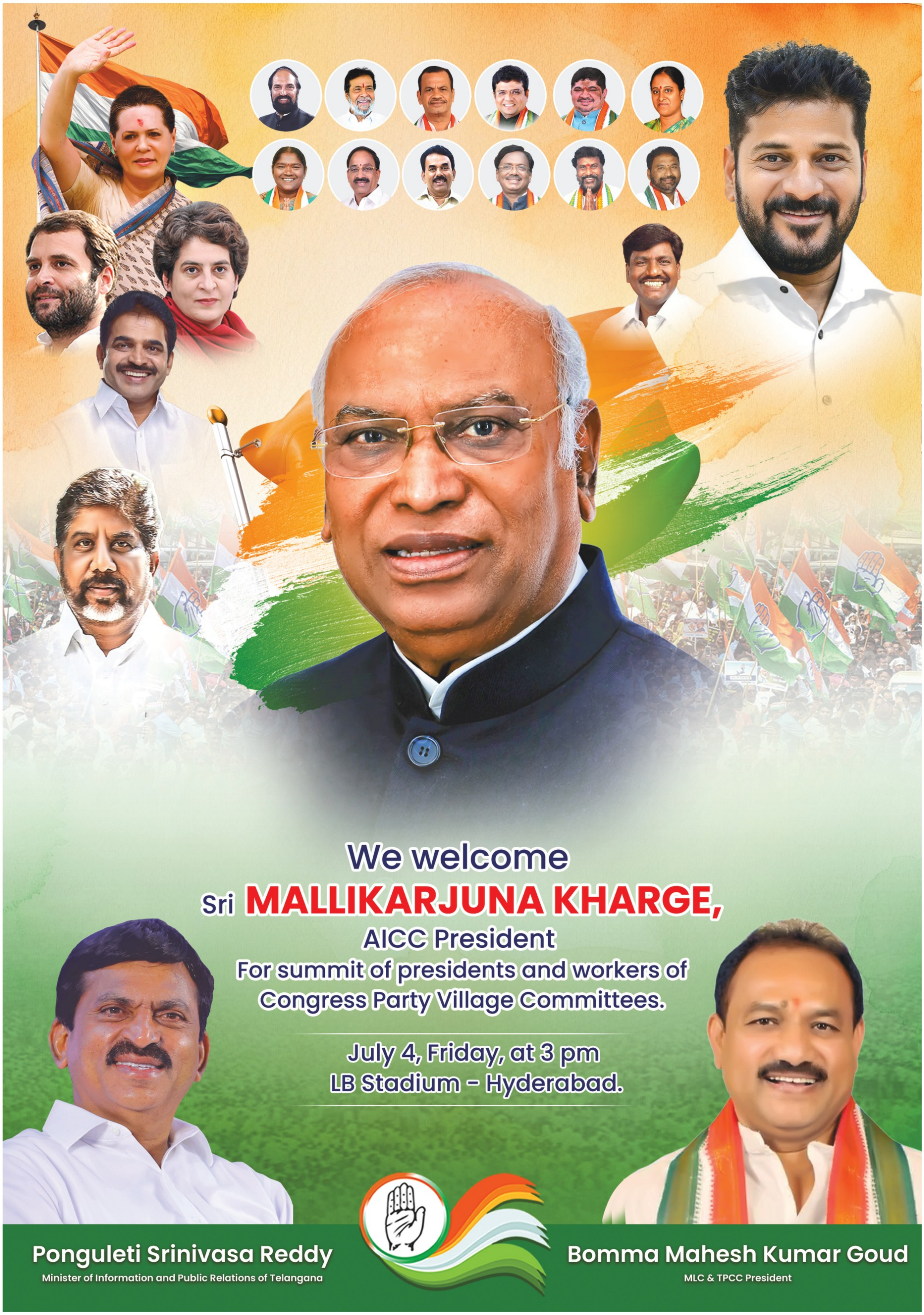
No false stroke

What was notable about Gill's seventh hundred was his complete mastery over the situation and the bowling. He hardly played a false stroke and his control percentage at lunch on day two, by which time he had negotiated 288 deliveries, was a staggering 93. He showed urgency in getting to his hundred before the new ball was commissioned with swept boundaries off the last two balls of the 80th over, but there was neither desperation nor unseemly hurry in his method. The unusual, unfettered roar when the second of those sweeps surged past the long-leg boundary reiterated how much this latest edifice meant to him.

Gill has already set a stall as a leader by example. He will become a better captain with a little more time - fortunately, because of the transitory phase, he has a luxury that several of his predecessors didn't enjoy. A new chapter awaits Indian cricket, with a young captain full of beans, ambition and backing at the helm. How exciting.

THE GIST

- Gill had to make some tough calls before Edgbaston but that did not stop him from making a grand double hundred and leading the team from the front
- India's newest Test captain doubled his non-subcontinental centuries in just 13 days in England after waiting for nearly four years
- After Rohit's retirement, Bumrah was the obvious choice for captaincy, but the latter opted out owing to injury concerns
- In the historic chase at Gabba, Gill's phenomenal 91 was overshadowed by the exuberance of Pant who took home the team with an unbeaten 89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Endocrine disruptors in plastic waste: a new public health threat

Plastic pollution is no longer a distant environmental concern; it is a biological invasion with profound implications for human health; infiltration of microplastics and plastic-derived EDCs into human bodies is triggering hormonal disruption, reproductive dysfunction and chronic diseases

Sudheer Kumar Shukla

The poorest populations, often living near waste dumps or working in the informal recycling sector, bear the brunt of the plastic waste crisis. AP

Plastics have revolutionised modern living with their convenience and affordability, but this same ubiquity is spawning an invisible, long-term health crisis. Beyond choking oceans and clogging landfills, plastics are now infiltrating our bodies through microplastic particles and a cocktail of endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs).

The evidence is clear and deeply concerning: these substances are interfering with our hormonal systems, damaging reproductive health and increasing our susceptibility to chronic diseases, including cancer. India, now the world's largest generator of plastic waste, stands at the epicentre of this escalating public health emergency.

Once considered inert pollutants, microplastics – plastic particles smaller than 5 mm – are now recognised as biologically active. A 2022 study by Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam detected microplastics in the blood of 80% of human participants. Further, a 2024 study published in *Nature Scientific Reports* reported the presence of microplastics in nearly 89% of blood samples in India, with an average concentration of 4.2 particles per milliliter. These particles have also been found in human lungs, hearts, placentas, breast milk, ovarian follicular fluid, and semen. Alarmingly, testicular tissue in Indian men was found to contain three times more microplastics than in dogs.

The plastics in our lives are not chemically neutral. They often contain EDCs such as: Bisphenol A (BPA) and BPS: used in water bottles, food containers, and thermal paper. They also have Phthalates (e.g., DEHP, DBP) that are used to soften plastics and found in cosmetics, toys and IV tubing and PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), found in food packaging and non-stick cookware.

These chemicals mimic or block natural hormones such as estrogen, testosterone, thyroid hormones, and cortisol. They interfere with receptor binding, disrupt gene expression in reproductive organs, and induce oxidative stress, inflammation, and apoptosis (cell death).

Animal studies published in *Food and Chemical Toxicology* (2023) showed that even low doses of polystyrene microplastics disrupted testosterone levels, impaired sperm production, and damaged the blood-testis barrier. Similar effects were observed in ovaries, where microplastics reduced anti-Müllerian hormone levels, triggered oxidative stress pathways, and induced cell death.

Microplastics in sperm

Recent clinical studies from China and India have linked the presence of microplastics in semen to reduced sperm count, concentration and motility. Exposure to BPA and phthalates has been associated with lower testosterone levels and elevated luteinizing hormone (LH) levels – both indicators of endocrine disruption. A global review published in *Science of the Total Environment* further supports the connection between microplastics and male subfertility. Notably, a 2023 study in *Environmental Science & Technology Letters* reported a strong correlation between microplastic levels in semen and decreased sperm count, motility, and abnormal morphology in Chinese men. In India, studies have documented a 30% decline in average sperm count over the past two decades.

A study published in *Ecotoxicology and Environmental Safety* (2025) found microplastics in 14 out of 18 follicular fluid samples collected from women undergoing fertility treatment in Italy. These particles, along with their associated endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs), were found to compromise egg quality and were linked to menstrual irregularities, reduced estradiol levels, and an increased risk of miscarriage. Epidemiological studies have also linked exposure to phthalates and BPA with conditions such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), endometriosis, and spontaneous abortions. These associations have been further supported by findings published in *Advances in Pharmacology* (2021) and *Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology* (2023).

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) now classifies several plastic additives as probable human carcinogens.

Case-control studies from India have shown that women with elevated levels of DEHP in their urine face nearly a threefold increased risk of breast cancer (odds ratio = 2.97). Exposure to BPA and phthalates has also been linked to higher incidences of prostate, uterine, and testicular cancers.

In addition to their carcinogenic potential, these EDCs have been implicated in metabolic disorders. By mimicking cortisol, altering insulin sensitivity, and promoting fat storage, EDCs contribute to the development of obesity and type 2 diabetes. Moreover, PFAS exposure has been associated with metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease, and thyroid dysfunction, as reported in a 2024 study published in *Frontiers in Public Health*.

Plastic waste in India

India generates over 9.3 million tonnes of plastic waste each year. Of this, approximately 5.8 million tonnes are incinerated, releasing toxic gases, while 3.5 million tonnes end up polluting the environment. Studies have shown that residents in cities like Mumbai are exposed to between 382 and 2,012 microplastic particles daily through air, food, and water. In Nagpur, doctors are reporting an increase in cases of early puberty, respiratory problems, obesity, and learning disorders in children – conditions increasingly linked to plastic pollution. Recent testing by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) detected phthalate concentrations in drinking water samples from Delhi, Jabalpur, and Chennai that exceeded European Union safety limits.

Despite progressive policies like the Plastic Waste Management Rules (2016, updated in 2022 and 2024), enforcement remains inconsistent. Current regulations do not account for low-dose effects or the complex interactions of EDCs, nor do they address the specific vulnerabilities of children and pregnant women.

The health burden associated with EDCs in India is staggering, costing over ₹25,000 crore annually due to increased healthcare spending and lost productivity. The poorest populations, often living near waste dumps or working in the informal recycling sector, bear the brunt of this crisis. Globally, the U.S. reports annual healthcare costs of $250 billion linked to plastic-related chemicals, according to the Endocrine Society.

Biomonitoring and surveillance are crucial for establishing national programmes that measure EDC levels in blood, urine, and breast milk. Longitudinal studies must be funded to assess the health impacts of EDC exposure on fertility, neurodevelopment, and chronic diseases. In addition, public awareness needs to be improved, and behaviour changes should be encouraged, such as educating people on the risks of microwaving food in plastic containers and promoting the use of glass, stainless steel, and EDC-free alternatives. It is also important to advocate for antioxidant-rich diets to help counteract oxidative stress.

Further actions should include enforcing plastic segregation, recycling, and safe disposal, while investing in microplastic filtration systems for water treatment plants. Additionally, incentivising the development of biodegradable, non-toxic materials is essential to reduce EDC exposure.

Plastic pollution is no longer a distant environmental concern; it is a biological invasion with profound implications for human health. The infiltration of microplastics and plastic-derived EDCs into our bodies is triggering hormonal disruption, reproductive dysfunction and chronic diseases.

The science is undeniable, and the time for action is now. For India, the world's most exposed population, this is more than a policy issue – it is a generational imperative. We must address this silent epidemic through science-driven regulation, robust monitoring, education, and systemic change. The health of our people, especially our children, depends on it.

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A new BHARAT — establishing healthy ageing parameters for the Indian population

Rupsy Khurana

We don't all age the same way, but we all do age. We intuitively recognise frailty when things start to slow down. Ageing unfolds at different rates, over time, between individuals, within and across populations. Often, it happens in bursts.

Ageing is complicated. It is driven by molecular and cellular interactions and is shaped by one's environment, lifestyle, and socio-economic conditions. This means one's chronological age often does not reflect how old one's body really is. Since researchers discovered in 1935 that ageing can be altered, they have been looking for reliable biological clues, called biomarkers, that in isolation or together can indicate how old our bodies are and how they might respond to factors such as diet, exercise, etc.

Last year, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, launched a large-scale study called BHARAT, short for 'Biomarkers of Healthy Aging, Resilience, Adversity, and Transitions', as part of its Longevity India Program. The study aims to map the physiological, molecular, and environmental indicators that drive ageing in the Indian population.

"We lack clear information on what features define or influence healthy ageing," says Deepak Kumar Saini, convener of BHARAT and professor of development biology and genetics at IISc. "We are building an information portal to understand the rules of healthy ageing in Indians."

Worldwide, life expectancy has risen significantly over the past few decades.

Living longer does not mean living healthier. Studies have predicted a 168% increase in Parkinson's disease cases in India by 2050 and a 200% rise in dementia across low- and middle-income countries. Yet much of what we know about health and disease risk comes from studies in Western populations, which means the diagnostic tools, biomarkers, and even treatments may not be optimal for people in India or other non-Western countries.

Closer look: The Indian Institute of Science's BHARAT study aims to map indicators that drive ageing in the Indian population. ISTOCKPHOTO

Gaps for patients

This limited focus has created a gap between population-based biomarkers and diagnostic cut-offs for people in the Global South. This can lead to misdiagnosis and treatments that do not reflect how diseases progress or respond to therapeutics in different groups.

"Western values for cholesterol, vitamin D, or B12 may label many Indians as deficient. But are these truly abnormal within our context? Our study aims to answer that. We are not only identifying biomarkers for healthy ageing but also building the Bharat Baseline – a reliable reference for what is normal in the Indian population," Prof. Saini says.

Earlier this year, researchers from Sichuan, China, reported in *Scientific Reports* that certain biomarkers for breast cancer, such as high levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, could signal an elevated risk in European populations but may serve as supportive indicators in Asians.

"We see differences in inflammatory markers. For instance, C-reactive protein (CRP) levels tend to be elevated in Indians even without acute illness. This inflammation often results from early-life infections, environmental toxins, or chronic nutritional and metabolic issues," Shawn T. Joseph, senior consultant, head and neck surgical oncology, VPS Lakeshore Hospital in Kochi, says. "Applying Western CRP cut-offs risks missing early warning signs of cardiovascular or metabolic disease in Indian patients," he adds.

An India-specific database

BHARAT's goal is to change this. Its database will include genomic biomarkers (like mutations linked to disease susceptibility), proteomic and metabolic indicators (reflecting biological pathways and metabolic health), and environmental and lifestyle factors.

Identifying early warning signs of age-related changes can enable better prediction, intervention, and potentially delay the onset of disease. There is a need for proactive markers of health, indicators that can tell when an organ is functioning below its optimal level, even if it is not yet diseased. For instance, your liver age is more than your chronological age. To do that, researchers must sift through large, many-dimensional datasets and plan to take the help of artificial intelligence (AI) models.

"AI and machine learning are essential to integrate and analyse layered data to see the full picture. It can simulate the impact of interventions and augment existing datasets to improve signal detection that may otherwise be missed in high-dimensional, small-sample studies. This will help us choose the most effective interventions before launching costly trials," says Tavpritesh Sethi, professor of computational biology at the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi, who is also one of the investigators of BHARAT.

India's population is genetically, environmentally, and socio-economically diverse. Prof Saini anticipates a few challenges, including the difficulty of obtaining samples from healthy adults, securing long-term government and philanthropic funding, and expanding the study to collect samples from across the country.

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New bilingual classes to begin in 4,134 primary schools

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The State government has issued an order allowing the start of new English medium (bilingual) classes in addition to the currently running Kannada/other medium classes in a total of 4,134 government primary schools in the State from class 1 onwards from the academic year 2025-26.

Permission has also been given to start new bilingual classes in government high schools in Tirthahalli, Bilalukoppa, Hosur-Guddakeri, and Heddur of Shivamogga district.

Bilingual classes were started in a total of 1,000 government schools across the State in 2019-20 and 2,000 schools in the year 2024-25.

In addition, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had announced that bilingual classes would be started in 4,000 government schools in the 2025-26 State budget.

In this context, the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) had submitted a proposal to start bilingual classes in a total of 1,103 schools in Bengaluru North and South educational districts and 2,897 government schools in the remaining 33 educational districts.

The government, which approved this proposal, has instructed to start the classes using locally available resources.

Power meters: Name change process to be easy online

A senior official of Bescom says the system is currently under process, and is being developed in association with BBMP on its portal; it will facilitate the transfer based on property ID number

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Soon, consumers of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) will be able to easily transfer the ownership of electricity meters to their names without much hassle. Bescom, in association with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), is integrating an 'automatic name change trigger' on its online portal, which will facilitate the transfer based on the property ID number.

Lakhs of electricity consumers, specifically those in apartments, have long struggled with the name transfer of electricity meters from builders/landowners to the owners of individual apartment units.

Initially, when apartments are built, the electricity meters are provided under the name of the builders or landowners. While for many years, consumers remained unaware of the fact that they should eventually transfer the meters to their name, the introduction of the Gruha Jyothi Scheme and now BBMP's E-Khata has prompted them to go ahead with the process.

"We are getting many requests; some subdivisions are getting five applications a day for transfer of names after e-khata has been made mandatory. Hence, the managing director decided to set up a new system on our Web Self Service (WSS) portal (https://bescom.trm.ieasybill.com:444/Login/RegisterView) to transfer names in a hassle-free manner," said a senior Bescom official.

They further said that the mechanism will work in such a way that after entering the consumer's property ID on the Bescom portal, it will automatically transfer the electricity meter to their name.

"The system is under development, and we are waiting for some communication from BBMP. Once everything falls into place, the trigger system will be functional," the official said.

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'Unaware'

For now, although an online system exists for consumers to use for name transfer, most of them are either unaware of it or do not use it, as it requires the uploading of multiple documents. Many of them also end up paying bribes either to middlemen/agents or even junior officials in subdivision offices to get names transferred.

"My electricity meter was under the name of the builder, and I wanted to transfer it to my name when I was getting my E-Khata done. I found out from other residents in my apartment complex that going to the subdivision office and getting the name changed will take multiple visits. As a working professional, I can't go many times. I tried doing it online, but I was not sure which portal I was supposed to use. I ended up paying ₹5,000 to an agent who had helped many others in my apartment, to get the name transferred," explained Kamalesh Sharma, a resident of an apartment complex in Yelahanka.

'Break knowledge gap'

Commenting on the lack of awareness about the process, Vikram Rai, secretary, Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF), said, "Many do not even know that the meter is not in their names. It is necessary to create awareness and break the knowledge gap regarding this. We have released a white paper that details all the steps to avail this transfer."

He also said that resident welfare associations (RWA) often face challenges while getting the name transfer for common area meters, too.

"Even here, they are not aware that they should get the name changed until they go for rooftop solar installations," he said.

BIT to host 'Open Day' tomorrow

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Bangalore Institute of Technology (BIT) will conduct an Open Day on Saturday on its V.V. Puram campus. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is designed to offer insights into the academic structure and student engagement at BIT. Activities will include a student project exhibition featuring work from all departments and a faculty interaction session.

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Total tax breaks proposed in the U.S.'s Big Beautiful Bill

4.5 In trillion dollars. The 800-plus page bill proposed by the Trump administration seeks to introduce massive spending and safety net cuts along with tax breaks. The package includes $1.2 trillion in cutbacks to Medicaid health care and food stamps. AP

Women removed from Maharashtra government scheme

2,289 An investigation revealed these women, who were government employees, have been beneficiaries of the Mukhyamantri Ladki Bahin scheme. Under the scheme, women from 21-65 are given a financial benefit of ₹1,500 through direct benefit transfer. ANI

The length of Ethiopia's new mega dam on the Nile

1.8 In kilometres. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said that the 145-metre-high Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is complete and will be officially inaugurated in September. It was constructed on a $4-billion budget and will be used for electricity and development projects. AFP

Highest score by an Indian batsman in a Test in England

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T.N.'s health sector: feats and challenges

What are some of the focussed initiatives and innovative programmes introduced to expand Tamil Nadu's public health sector? What is the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme and how has it helped in tackling non-communicable diseases? Is the health workforce stretched beyond measure?

EXPLAINER

Serena Josephine M.

The story so far:

Tamil Nadu has consistently ranked high in the health sector. A robust public health system, 11,000+ institutions at the primary, secondary and tertiary care levels and scores of pioneering schemes have enabled the State to stay ahead in many of its key health indicators. Despite such achievements, the State's health sector is in the midst of a brewing crisis – a crisis fueled by a high number of vacancies, a strained workforce, and a lackadaisical attitude towards long-pending demands of doctors.

How has T.N. healthcare fared so far?

Over the years, the State has made significant strides in expanding its health infrastructure and improving health outcomes through focussed initiatives and innovative programmes, while prioritising core areas of maternal and child health, and prevention and control of infectious diseases. In particular, it has scaled up interventions targeting non-communicable diseases. Its flagship scheme, 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' (MTM), has taken screening and drug delivery for conditions such as diabetes and hypertension to people's doorsteps, while community-based cancer screening programmes have also taken off.

Moreover, the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation streamlines drug procurement and supply for government hospitals; the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (formerly Cadaver Transplant Programme) regulates the process of organ allocation and maintenance of wait lists; and the Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme provides financial assistance and nutritional support to pregnant women belonging to economically and socially disadvantaged sections. Schemes such as the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme have enabled better access to healthcare, especially for advanced procedures and surgeries such as organ transplants for the poor.

Hospital blues: The Government RSRM Lying in Hospital in Royapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu. RAGU. R

What gains have been made?

Such focussed measures have enabled the State to steadily bring down its maternal and infant mortality numbers. As per the State's Health Management Information System, the Maternal Mortality Ratio stands at 39.4 per 1,00,000 live births (2024-2025), a dip from 45.5 in 2023-2024, while the Infant Mortality Rate fell from 8.2 per 1,000 live births (2023-2024) to 7.7 in 2024-2025. The under-five mortality rate has also declined from 8.9 (2023-2024) to 8.2 during 2024-2025.

On its part, the MTM has demonstrated an improvement in the management of hypertension and diabetes in the State. Among adults with hypertension, the proportion with blood pressure control rose to 17% (previously 7.3%), while among those with diabetes, the proportion with blood sugar control rose to 16.7% (previously 10.8%) respectively.

These achievements are the outcomes of a resilient healthcare system that was built brick by brick over decades and stood the test of time during the COVID-19 pandemic. But certain deficiencies have surfaced in the State's public health sector, stemming from failures in addressing the needs of its workforce.

What are the unmet needs and gaps?

Despite exponential growth in terms of health infrastructure, there has been no proportionate expansion in the workforce. Delay in filling up vacant posts (across different levels) and lack of new posts' creation have left a dent in the sector. The health sector, including at the primary care level, is running the show by redeploying/diverting doctors and staff nurses to various facilities.

A crucial cadre of T.N.'s public health system are its Village Health Nurses (VHN), who play a vital role in maternal and child healthcare. As per the latest official data, 2,013 posts of VHNs (of the 8,713 sanctioned) and 1,251 posts of Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (of the 2,057 sanctioned) are lying vacant. There has been an inordinate delay in filling the vacant posts due to legal issues. VHNs spearhead antenatal care, delivery services, post-natal follow-up and immunisation. Instead of serving one village (population of 5,000 to 6,000 as per norms), each VHN is now covering at least two to three villages each. Facing an acute crisis, they have been rising concerns about falling behind in maternal and child healthcare services.

On the other hand, there is a growing concern about the shortage and skewed distribution of specialists in the State. Government doctors have been asking for an increase in their workforce as per patient strength, according to norms prescribed by Indian Public Health Standards. Many of them note that there is a huge rise in patient inflow to government hospitals, but no commensurate rise in staffing. In the last four years, the State recruited some 3,500-odd medical officers to its primary healthcare (point of entry) but is yet to address specialist shortfalls at the secondary and tertiary care levels. In particular, there is a huge deficit in super speciality cadre such as for cardiothoracic surgery and vascular surgery.

Additionally, contractual recruitments and proposed models for public private partnership in service delivery, such as for haemodialysis, are facing stiff opposition among the existing workforce.

For a State like Tamil Nadu, which takes pride in its advanced health infrastructure, a discontent and stretched workforce is detrimental in many ways. It could affect performance, patient outcomes, and public trust.

THE GIST

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Can the Supreme Court halt an Act passed by a State?

What did the Supreme Court mandate in the Nandini Sundar case on July 5, 2011?

R.K. Vij

The story so far:

Disposing of a writ and contempt petition, the Supreme Court in *Nandini Sundar and Ors. versus State of Chhattisgarh* held that the passing of an Act by the State of Chhattisgarh, subsequent to its order, cannot be said to be an act of contempt of the order passed by the Court.

What did SC order of July 2011 state?

The Supreme Court, on July 5, 2011 issued an order stating that the State of Chhattisgarh shall cease and desist from using Special Police Officers (SPOs) in any activities, directly or indirectly, aimed at controlling, countering, mitigating or otherwise eliminating Maoist activities. The Court ordered the State to recall all firearms issued to any of the SPOs. The order said that the State shall take all appropriate measures to prevent the operation of any group, including but not limited to the Salwa Judum and Koya Commandos.

The Court also directed the Union of India to cease and desist from using any of its funds in supporting, directly or indirectly, the recruitment of SPOs for the purposes of engaging in any form of counter-insurgency activities against Maoists. The Court concluded that the appointment of inadequately paid and ill-trained SPOs engaged in checking Maoism was violative of Article 14 and Article 21 of the Constitution.

Why was a contempt case filed?

Consequent to the Supreme Court order of July 2011, the State of Chhattisgarh enacted the Chhattisgarh Auxiliary Armed Police Forces Act, 2011. Section 4(1) of the Act provides that an auxiliary force shall be constituted 'to aid and assist the security forces' in the maintenance of public order and preventing, controlling and combatting Maoist/Naxal violence and insurgency, etc. Section 5(2) of the Act further states that the members of the auxiliary force 'shall not be deployed in the front-line positions of an operation and shall always work under supervision of the security forces...'. The provision of compulsory training for a period not less than six months, is also prescribed under the Act. Only those SPOs, who would be eligible as per these prescribed yardsticks, were to be inducted into the auxiliary force (by screening committee). The legislature thus had addressed all the concerns observed by the Supreme Court.

However, it was argued by the petitioners that the said enactment was not in consonance with the Court's order and therefore amounted to contempt of Court.

Why was contempt prayer rejected?

There were reasons for rejecting the relief sought by petitioners. One, the Supreme Court took cognisance of the fact that all the directions issued by the Court had been complied to by the State of Chhattisgarh and necessary reports were submitted.

Second, the Court said that every State legislature has plenary powers to pass an enactment so long as the said enactment was not declared to be *ultra vires* of the Constitution. Any law made by Parliament or a State Legislature cannot be held as an act of contempt. The Court clarified that a legislature has the power to pass a law, to remove the basis of a judgment or validate a law which has been struck down by a Constitutional Court. This is the core of the doctrine of separation of powers and must always be acknowledged in a constitutional democracy. Any piece of legislation enacted by a legislature can be assailed only on the twin prongs of legislative competence or constitutional validity.

In *Indian Aluminium Co. versus State of Kerala* (1996), the Supreme Court observed that Courts must maintain the delicate balance devised by the Constitution between the three sovereign functionaries. The Court therefore held that unless and until it is first established that the statute so enacted is in opposition to constitutional law or otherwise, it cannot be struck down.

RK Vij is a former IPS officer and views are personal.

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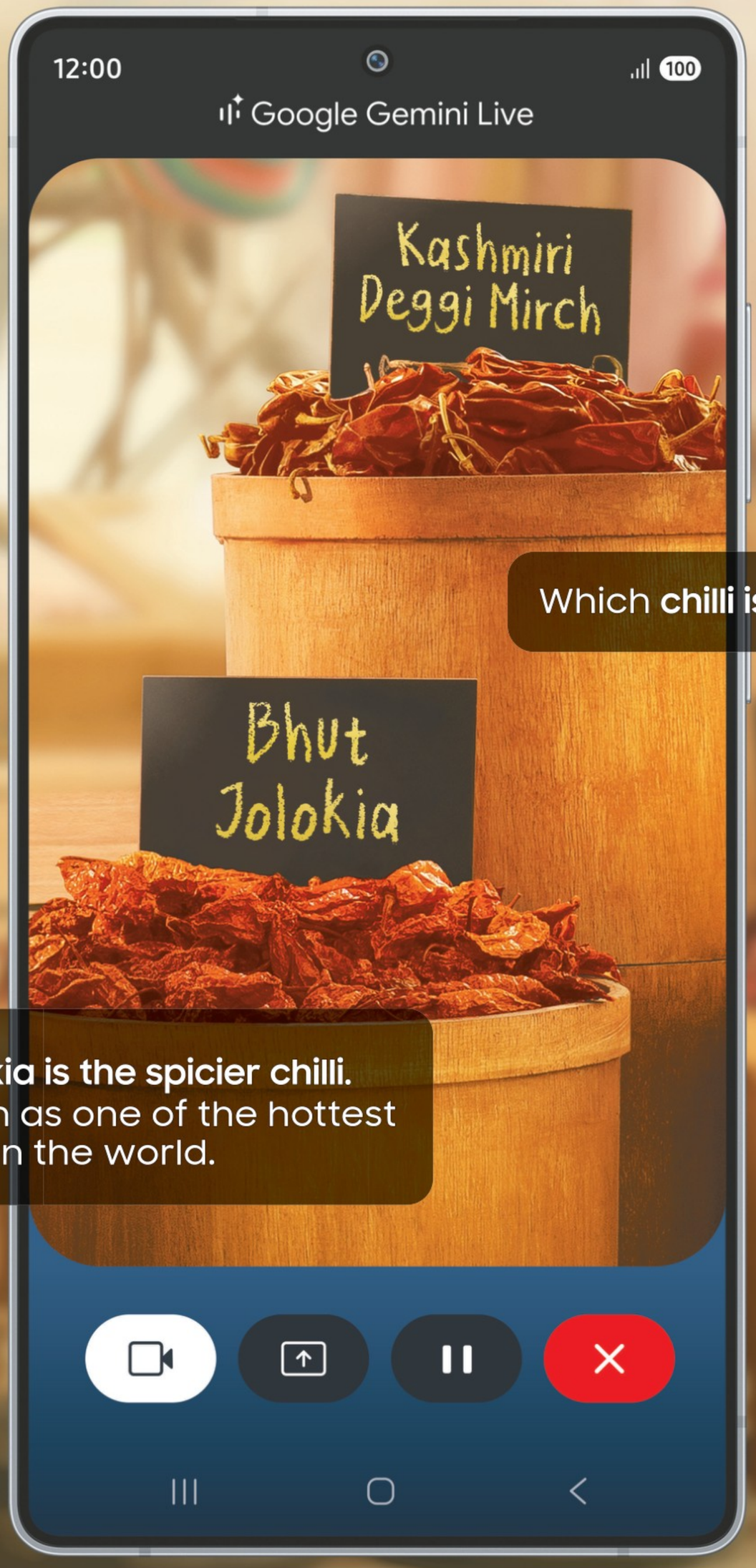
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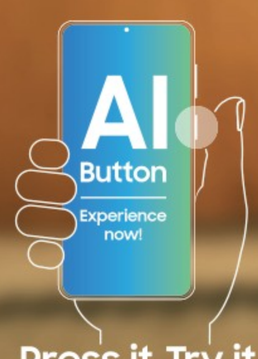

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Ex-DGP's daughter creates ruckus at shop

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BENGALURU

The HSR Layout police have taken up a non-cognizable report after Kriti, daughter of late retired DGP Om Prakash, allegedly vandalised a shop near her house and assaulted the shop keeper over a trivial row on June 30.

According to the complaint, Kriti went to the shop and stood for some time. When the shopkeeper asked her if she needed anything, she allegedly became aggressive and vandalised the plastic bottles and cookie jars.

When the shopkeeper tried to intervene, she allegedly manhandled him and left the shop. The incident was captured on the CCTV camera installed on the shop premises. Passers-by gathered there and alerted the police. Patrolling staff rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation.

According to the police, Kriti was living alone in the house after her father Om Prakash was murdered. A day after the murder, the HSR Layout police arrested Pallavi, his wife. The FIR was registered based on a complaint by Om Prakash's son Karthikesh and it lists both his mother, Pallavi, and his sister, Kriti, as suspects.

Lokayukta writes to CS seeking action against former SP

It has asked the govt. to submit an action taken report; according to officials, probe has established link of the IPS officer in extortion case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the arrest of Ningappa Sawant, a former head constable, a fortnight ago, the Karnataka Lokayukta mentioned former Bengaluru Lokayukta SP Srinath Joshi M. as co-accused and has written to the Chief Secretary to take action against him as per the All India Services (Conduct) Rules.

A probe revealed that Ningappa, who has a close proximity with Joshi, used to target government officials by impersonating Lokayukta officials and extort money by threatening to foist cases against them.

Lokayukta officials said preliminary findings established the link of the accused IPS officer, which violates the service rules. The Lokayukta has also asked the government to submit an action taken report.

According to an official release, even though there were no complaints, the Lokayukta, based on the information, took up a case and registered an FIR against the accused under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Lokayukta also announced that it has set up an 'internal monitoring wing' to keep a check on erring officials.

Bribes demanded

Investigation revealed that Ningappa sent intimidating WhatsApp messages to officials, allegedly demanding bribes using the codeword 'KG', and the probe found that the accused had opened 24 crypto wallets to invest in cryptocurrency to convert the black money into white. Analysis of the mobile phone of the accused revealed that 13 out of 24 crypto wallets were found to have transactions amounting to over ₹4.92 crore. The Lokayukta also announced that it has set up an 'internal monitoring wing' to keep a check on erring officials. It also asked the government to appoint judicial and other officers.

Earlier, the Lokayukta officials submitted a proposal to set up such a wing using the officials transferred from the Anti-Corruption Bureau to monitor internal irregularities, but the proposal was turned down by the government. However, with the Lokayukta having over 1,900 staff and considering the increasing number of complaints and cases, especially against the police officials, it has become necessary to have an internal monitoring cell for a free and fair probe.

Hence, the Lokayukta has set up a unit temporarily and has asked the government to sanction judicial officials and required staff to head the probe, sources said.

Taking serious note of the extortion cases through impersonators, the Lokayukta said that 41 FIRs were registered across the State.

Two bike-borne men attack elderly woman, snatch her valuables

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Govindarajanagar police are on the lookout for two men, who allegedly attacked a 77-year-old woman and robbed her valuables on 11th Main Road, Subbanna Garden, Vijayanagar, on Wednesday .

The victim, Indira Honnagangaiah, a resident of Bapuji Layout, went out for her morning walk at around 9.30 a.m., when two men on a motorcycle confronted her and tried to snatch her gold chain. In the melee, the chain fell on the ground, and the duo sped away.

Shocked, she picked up the chain, put in her purse, and started to walk back home.

However, within 10 minutes, the duo returned, snatched her purse, and sped away.

The purse contained a 40-gm gold chain worth ₹3 lakh, a mobile phone, and ₹400 in cash. The victim returned home, and filed a complaint with the police.

Minor fire breaks out in express train

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A fire broke out in the engine of the moving Palace Queen Hamsafar Express train in Bengaluru South district due to a suspected technical snag on Thurday morning.

The train connects Mysuru and Udaipur in Rajasthan.

The fire was noticed by the loco pilot, who stopped the engine and alerted the station.

The fire and emergency service personnel rushed to the spot and doused the fire. No one was hurt in the accident, according to officials. They said that around 11.45 a.m., the loco-pilot noticed a spark in the engine while the express train was crossing Channapattana.

He immediately halted the train and informed the control room.

A team of fire fighters was deployed, and with the help of railway officials, the fire was doused. After a short delay, an alternate engine was attached to the train, after which it resumed the journey.

Agniveer trainee goes missing from MEG and Centre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Halasuru police are on the lookout for a 20-year-old Agniveer trainee who went missing from the MEG and Centre here on Wednesday last.

The trainee, identified as Dayyala Satish, a native of Ranga Reddy district in Telangana, allegedly left a message on the training batch app group, stating that he was disturbed and was not able to attend training sessions due to a leg injury. He joined the training in April.

Dayyala Komaraiah, a farmer, in a complaint, said that he received a call from the MEG and Centre saying Satish had been missing since June 25.

Koramaiah tried to call Satish's two mobile numbers, but they were switched off. He then approached the police and filed the complaint.

SBI KODICHIKKANAHALLI BRANCH: Aravind's Shambhavi Apartment, Kodichikkanahalli Main Rd, Seenappa Layout, Bommenahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560076

PLEDGED GOLD ORNAMENTS FOR AUCTION

The following A/C Holder has pledged their Gold Ornaments and has raised the loan against it from **State Bank of India,** below mentioned branch. Notices have been sent, but loan was not paid. Therefore the Auction of the gold ornaments will be conducted as per the present market value at our **SBI, in respective Branch premises on10.07.2025 evening at 4.00 pm**

BRANCH NAME	(CODE)
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ACCOUNT NO	**AMOUNT**
42706034027	Rs. 1,52,336 as on 02.07.2025

Branch Manager

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K. Mahesh S/o G. Krishnamurthy R/at No.441/1, Keerthi Layout, Chandapura, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District-560099 do hereby solemnly state that, K MAHESH is my correct name as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card (No. 8186 2153 9512). But, in my Passport (No.K3230092) my name is inadvertently mentioned as **K. MAHESHA.** I further state that both these names refers to same person i.e., me only. I further state that I will continue as **K. MAHESH** for all future purpose vide affidavit dated 02.07.2025 sworn to Notary.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. HE-TRD-2025-26-OT-14
Dated : 27-06-2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Provision of Shifting and Relocation of PTFE Type Neural sections in Hubballi Division.	Rs. 2,54,06,674.14

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 28-07-2025**

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Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction Distribution/Hubballi
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E-TENDER NOTICE No. Y-E-29-2025-26-17 Dt: 24.06.2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Item of work	Approx.Value
OHE modification for provision of isolators at both ends of Rd-5,6 and 7 of Harihara yard **Allocation: 20-42-71-03**	Rs. 50,13,639.68/-

Last date for Submission of bids : **Upto 11.00 hrs on 16.07.2025**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the land owners as mentioned underneath have represented that they are the owners of the properties to the extent as mentioned. It is brought to the Notice of the general public that my client has negotiated and agreed to purchase the schedule properties from the said land owners. All person/ persons claiming or having any claim against or to the schedule properties or any part thereof by way of inheritance. Mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, agreement to sell, transfer, lease deed , tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication hereof failing which my client shall proceed to register the sale deeds without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

Sl. No.	Village	Name of Land Owners	Sy. No.	Extent
1	Shetterhalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Devanahalli	Narayanswamy Son of Chikkabeerappa	113/1	0 Ac 28 Gu
2		Smt Manjula Wife of Venkatesh	113/2	2 Ac 37 Gu
3		Nagesh Son of Chikkabeerappa@ Munibeerappa	113/3	0 Ac 29.08 Gu
4		Muniraju C Son of Chikkabeerappa@ Munibeerappa	113/4	0 A 29 Gun
5		Venkatesh Son of Chikkabeerappa	113/5	0A 30.08 Gun
		Total		**5A 34 Guntas**

Dated this 03rd Day of July 2025.

Address for Correspondence: **SHANTH KUMAR S P,** Advocate
EN 175, Lake View Road, Byrasandra, C V Raman Nagar,
Bengaluru - 560 093.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking a title investigation on the immovable properties more fully described in the **'Schedule'** hereto and hereinafter referred to as **'Schedule Properties'.** The said title due diligence is being conducted for and on behalf of our Client who is desirous of entering into certain transaction in relation to the Schedule Properties. The present owners of the Schedule Properties mentioned in the Schedule herein below have represented to our Client that they own the Schedule Properties and have unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that any person/s other than the present owners, asserting any right, title, charge, lien, claim/s or any interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties are hereby called upon to submit to the undersigned, their claim/s, if any, over the Schedule Properties or submit their objections, if any, to the aforementioned transaction. The said claim/s or objections must be in writing, together with documentary proof to support such claim/s or objections, and must be delivered to us at the address given below within a period of **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this Notice. If no such claim/s or objections are received, it shall be deemed that no one else other than the present owners has/have any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties and our Client would be at liberty to proceed with the said transaction in connection with the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE

(Description of the Schedule Properties)

All that piece and parcel of the immovable properties being agricultural lands totally admeasuring 07 Acres 22 Guntas, situated at Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, described in the table below:

Survey No.	Extent	Boundaries		Present Owner
227	3 Acres	East by	Lands bearing Survey Nos. 158/1, 158/2 & 159	Mr. Amir Ali Khan (son of Mr. Zahid Ali Khan)
		West by	Lands bearing Survey Nos.16 &143;	
		North by	Land bearing Survey No. 16;	
		South by	Land bearing Survey No. 163/2;	
158/2	2 Acre 02Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 16;	M/s. Siasat Daily
		West by	Land bearing Survey No. 227;	
		North by	Land bearing Survey No. 158/1;	
		South by	Land bearing Survey No. 159;	
163/2	2 Acre 20Guntas	East by	Land bearing Survey No. 159;	
		West by	Lands bearing Survey Nos.143 &140;	
		North by	Land bearing Survey No. 227;	
		South by	Lands bearing Survey Nos.163/1&128;	

Sd/- Mr. Srinivas B.R., Partner
Date: 04.07.2025
Place: Bangalore
DSK Legal, Prestige Loka, No. 201, 2nd Floor, No. 7/1 & 7/7, Brunton Road, Bengaluru – 560025. Tel: 080-69548770

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer,
C.V. Ramannagara Division, 8th Cross, 12th A Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560038.

No. EE/CVR/KPPP/08/2025-26 Date: 03.07.2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Single Cover System (Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following work.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. value of work	EMD Amount
1	Demolision of illegal structures / building property No. 2023/A, HAL 2nd Stage, Bengaluru in Ward No. 114, Jeevanbhimanagara.	Rs. 8,00,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-

Stipulated period of completion : **15 days.**
Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** **(2)** Last date for uploading the filled proposals : **17.07.2025 upto 4.00 pm. (4)** Date of opening of Financial bid : **18.07.2025 at 4.30 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT -2),
4th Floor, Telephone House Builiding Rajbhavan Road Bangalore - 560001

Form No. 14 (See Regulation 33(2))
DEMAND NOTICE
Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due To Banks and Financial Instituions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.
RC 628/2023 in OA 1740/ 2020

CANARA BANK Vs M/s. DEEPAL SILK AND SAREES & ORS

To:(CH) **Canara Bank,** BWSSB Branch, at Rajdhooth Complex Avenue Road, Entrance Bangalore - 560 002, Karnataka. **.... Certificate Holder**
Vs
(CD1) M/s. Deepal Silk and Sarees, No. 60, Sanjeevappa Lane, Avenue Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 002, Karnataka, Rep by its Prop. Sri Babu Rao Salanke Alias Babanna Rao Salanke .
(CD 2) Sri Babu Rao Salanke Alias Babanna Rao Salanke S/o. Sri Baloji Rao Salanke, Prop M/s. Deepal Silk and Sarees, R/at No. 173, 1st Cross, 1st Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085 Karnataka.
(CD 3) Smt. Sona Babu Alias Sona Babu Salanke, W/o. Sri Babu Rao Salanke Alias Babanna Rao Salanke, Prop M/s. Ranjan Silks Fabrics R/at No. 173, 1st Cross, 1st Block, 3rd Phase, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore - 560 085, Karnataka. **... Certificate Debtors**

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2) in **OA/1740/2020** an amount of **Rs.66909298.86** (Rupees Six Crore Sixty Nine Lakhs Nine Thousand Two Hudnred Ninety Eight and Piase Eighty Six Only) along with pendentellite and future interest payable as per RC w.e.f. 14.10.2020 till realization and cost of Rs.150255/ - (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousands Two Hundred and Fifty Five Only) has become due against you jointly and severally, plus penal interest @ 2% p.a. is also payable/ applicable stated in RC. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 and Rules there under.3.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. **4.**You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, for further proceedings. **5.** In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will be liable to pay:(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **08.02.2024**

Sd/-Recover Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore, (DRT 2)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16** (1) Where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debt Recovery Officer, nor shall any Civil Court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. (2) Where an attachment has been made under this Schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (APCRDA)
Lenin Center, Governorpet, Vijayawada – 520 002.
Phone: 0866-2527110, Email: recruitment@apcrda.org

Rc.No.MAU61-OPCS0CNTE(APPT)/11/2025-HR, Dt. 03.07.2025
EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No.13/2025

APCRDA is seeking the services of retired Deputy Collectors from the Revenue Department to work on contract basis to look after the LPS related works in the capital city/region. Online application is available in the website **https://crda.ap.gov.in** in careers tab and can be submitted from **dt.04.07.2025 to dt.18.07.2025.**

Rc.No. MAU61-OPCS0CNTE(APPT)/12/2025-HR, Dt. 03.07.2025
EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No.14/2025

Notification is hereby issued for filling up certain posts in the ESM unit of APCRDA, Vijayawada on contract basis. Online application is available in the APCRDA website in careers tab and can be submitted from **dt.04.07.2025 to dt.18.07.2025.** For further details, please visit **https://crda.ap.gov.in**

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No: SA-E4-2025-26-W1-W10 dated: 30.06.2025

Divisional Railway Manager/Electrical/Salem Division, Salem-5 for and on behalf of the President of India Invites E-Tender for the under mentioned works. Online bids only will be accepted. For detailed NIT, qualification criteria, bidding document, tender submission, etc., can he viewed/downloaded from website portal **www.ireps.gov.in.**

E-Tender Notice No, Date and Name of Work	Details
1) SA-E4-2025-26-W1 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Provision of Power supply arrangements for Passenger Lifts of 13 Persons capacity - 4 Nos in the proposed New FOB at Erode Jn.	Approx cost Rs. 8,59,108/- EMD Rs. 17,200/- Completion Period 6 Months
2) SA-E4-2025-26-W2 dated 30/06/2025 Salem Division - Provision of Power supply arrangements for Passenger Lifts of 13 Persons capacity-3 Nos in the proposed New FOB Karur In.	Approx cost Rs. 10,78,526/- EMD Rs. 21,600/- Completion Period 6 Months
3) SA-E4-2025-26-W3 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Provision of Power supply arrangements for Passenger Lifts of 13 Persons capacity - 2 Nos in the proposed New FOB at Namakkal Railway Station.	Approx cost Rs. 5,66,478/- EMD Rs. 11,300/- Completion Period 6 Months
4) SA-E4-2025-26-W4 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Provision of Power supply arrangements for Passenger Lifts of 13 Persons capacity - 2 Nos in the proposed New FOR at Podanur Ju	Approx cost Rs. 5,29,086/- EMD Rs. 10,600/- Completion Period 6 Months
5) SA-E4-2025-26-W5 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Provision of Power supply arrangements for Passenger Lifts of 13 Persons capacity Murappur - 2 Nos, Bommidi - 2 Nos, Tiruppatur - 2 Nos, Chinna Salem - 2 Nos and Salem Jn - 3 Nos in the proposed New FOB.	Approx cost Rs. 20,75,866/- EMD Rs. 41,500/- Completion Period 6 Months
6) SA-E4-2025-26-W6 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Construction of Four wards of Stores Depot in Podanur Workshop Electrical Arrangements.	Approx cost Rs. 9,90,507/- EMD Rs. 19,800/- Completion Period 6 Months
7) SA-E4-2025-26-W7 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division- Improvements to Earthing arrangements, at Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Salem JN, Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Attur, Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Karur Section of Salem Division	Approx cost Rs. 17,73,000/- EMD Rs. 35,500/- Completion Period 6 Months
8) SA-E4-2025-26-W8 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Improvements to Earthing arrangements at Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Erode Jn, Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Coimbatore Jn, Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Podanur Jn and Senior Section Engineer / Electrical / Mettupalayam Section of Salem Division	Approx cost Rs. 32,38,100/- EMD Rs. 64,800/- Completion Period 6 Months
9) SA-E4-2025-26-W9 dated:30/06/2025 Salem Division - Provision of 6 mtr FOB at Podanur Railway Station-Electrical arrangements.	Approx cost Rs. 7,36,550/- EMD Rs. 14,700/- Completion Period 6 Months
10) SA-E4-2025-26-W10 dated:30/06/2025 SA Division - Improvement to drainage facilities including roof covering in subway in lieu of LC No.92,93,104 in Jolarpettai-Salem section-Electrical arrangements.	Approx cost Rs. 4,54,851/- EMD Rs. 9,100/- Completion Period 6 Months
For all the works Closing Time & Date	**15.00hrs. on 25/07/2025**
For all the works Bids Opening Time & Date	**15.30 hrs. on 25/07/2025**

All Addendum/ Corrigendum, Time extension, Clarifications, etc will be uploaded in the website portal **www.ireps.gov.in**, only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

Divisional Railway Manager (Electrical)/ Salem Southern Railway, Salem-636 005

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Rashmi Warad D/O, Arun Warad R/o 001 Meenaakshi Paradise,2nd Mn, pkm Lyt, Hosapalya, Bangalore have changed my name to Rashmi Allagi.

I,MADANKUMAR VASANTHA S/o Vasantha Chikkanayakanahalli Narasimhaiah R/ o Flat No–301 14th Cross Shree Ananth Nagar Phase 2 Kammasandra Bengaluru Karnataka–560100 changed my minor Son's name from TAMOGHNA MADANKUMAR to TAMOGHNA DESHIKAN MADANKUMAR aged 11 Years.

I, Puttaraja K.c S/O, Chaluve Gowda, R/o Kasturi Koppalu Village, Deshani Post, Javagal Hobli, Arsikere Taluk, Hassan District, 573122 have changed my name to K.c.Puttaraju, Sd/-H.S. Geetha, Notary public Arsikere. Date: 26.06.2025

I, JOHN C S R/a No.Savi Nilaya, 516, 2nd Floor, 15 A Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal, Kempapura, HA Farm, Bangalore North-560024 hereby declare that my Daughter's name has been wrongly mentioned as Jeslin J in her Marks card and Migration Certificate but her correct name is Jeslin John vide affidavit dt: 03.07.2025 sworn before Notary Vijayalakshmi, B'luru

I, RAVISHANKER Vaidyanathan S/o T.R.Vaidyanathan, R/o Q Block, 502, Vaishnavi Ratnam Apartment, No.1, S.M.Road, Near Thriveni Petrol Pump, T.Dasarahalli, Jalahalli Cross, Peenya Dasarahalli, B'luru-57 have changed my name to Ravishankar Vaidyanathan, vide affidavit dt 27.06.25 sworn before Notary S.Vijayakumar, B'luru

I, Jyothi Laxmi Antad Yoginath Residing at #150, Shree Shirdi Sai Krupa, 4th Main, Near Tata Promont, Saptagiri Layout, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore- 5600085 have changed my name to Jyothilakshmi Y Antad vide Affidavit dated: 30-06-2025 Sworn Before Notary N.Sandhya, Bangalore

I, Dhamgunde Yogesh Gourishankar Residing at #150, Shree Shirdi Sai Krupa, FF 1, 4th Main, Saptagiri Nagar, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore- 5600085 have changed my name to Yoginath Appasaheb Antad vide Affidavit dated: 19-06-2025 Sworn Before Notary N.Sandhya, Bangalore

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I,RAJALEKSHMIAMMAL W/O K Vishwanathan R/o No–1160 7th Block 8th Cross H M T Layout Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru Karnataka–560097 changed my name to RAJALAKSHMI.

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www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
www.wapcos.co.in &
www.eprocure.gov.in

IN THE LIMELIGHT

A still from 'Jurassic Park' UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Back in the flesh: 'Jurassic Park' and the dinosaur renaissance

Over three decades ago, Steven Spielberg's blockbuster legacy turned dinosaurs into pop cultural icons, sparked a scientific awakening, and helped usher in a real-world reckoning over the morality of resurrecting the dead

Ayaan Paul Chowdhury

In the summer of 1993, the world watched spellbound as a towering Brachiosaurus gracefully reared up to nibble treetops, while John Williams' score swelled like God breathing. Steven Spielberg's genre-defining blockbuster rewrote the cultural DNA of dinosaurs forever, transforming them from textbook curiosities into Hollywood royalty. An entire generation developed an unshakable obsession with creatures that had been extinct for 65 million years. All because of a movie.

For a film that opens with a mosquito trapped in amber, *Jurassic Park* has aged with surprising elasticity. It had the makings of a pulpy B-movie, but the magician in Spielberg spun it into something timeless. Ever since, it's been re-spun, rebooted, and rebranded across three decades.

The science, even then, was flimsy. *Toxorhynchites rutilus*, the species of mosquito shown, doesn't even suck blood. And DNA degrades far too quickly to survive millions of years. But that shaky premise has since evolved from science fiction, to "science eventuality," to literal modern-day science. While extracting dinosaur DNA from fossilised insects remains a fantasy, the real world has been inching closer to that cinematic magic.

Iconic special effects

Of course, the magic wasn't all Spielberg. Stan Winston built animatronics with blinking eyes, breathing chests, and skin stretched over robotic bones. Industrial Light and Magic's (ILM) groundbreaking CGI handled the weight and gait of creatures that had never been seen before, using a special 'Dinosaur Input Device' to puppeteer their movements digitally. Just 15 minutes of dinosaur screen time was enough to reshape how a generation imagined prehistoric life.

The irony is that while *Jurassic Park* was hailed for its scientific fidelity, it also got a fair amount of things wrong. The Velociraptors were scaled up to nearly double their actual size. The T. Rex's vision, contrary to Dr. Grant's famous whisper, was not based on movement; it likely had binocular depth perception and could smell you coming a mile away. Most egregiously for modern palaeontologists, the dinosaurs were featherless, greyish reptiles, missing the colourful, bird-like traits we now know many had.

But Jack Horner, the real-life palaeontologist who inspired Alan Grant, saw the bigger picture. In his words, the movie wasn't a documentary, but a doorway to suspend all disbelief. Yet, over time, the franchise leaned deeper into American military-industrial fantasies. The recent entries have given us weaponised Velociraptors, genetically-engineered hybrid killing machines, and a Mosasaur the size of a battleship. Behind the scenes, consultants still fought to keep the science honest. Some succeeded (the Pyroraptor from *Jurassic World Dominion* finally had feathers) but the overarching 'scary sells' mandate remained. Pink-plumed, birdlike dinosaurs, no matter how accurate, just didn't test well.

The palaeontology renaissance

In the years following the film's release, palaeontology experienced a renaissance. The so-called "Jurassic Park Effect" turned casual curiosity into career paths. Children who once saw dinosaurs as static images began imagining them as dynamic, intelligent, and even graceful creatures. Universities saw a spike in students declaring interest in prehistoric life. Museums were packed again. Dinosaurs were, suddenly, the coolest things ever.

The once unassuming field relegated to academia now had a face, a soundtrack, and perhaps most importantly, funding. Governments and institutions began investing more seriously in palaeontological research, emboldened by a public that was suddenly into dinosaurs. Before *Jurassic Park*, new dinosaur species were discovered at a rate of maybe three or four per year. Today, that number hovers around 50. Whether digging in the deserts of Mongolia or scanning fossils with particle accelerators, researchers rode the wave of public fascination the film helped ignite.

Which is exactly why the *Jurassic World* sequels sting a little. They're fine as popcorn films, but they could've done more. The original reimagined how the world saw dinosaurs. The new films played it safe, recycling familiar nostalgic images rather than reflecting what science had since uncovered. Sure, they'll still get some kid to Google "Indominus Rex vs Spinosaurus", but it's hard not to feel a little let down by what could've been.

On the ethics of de-extinction

Jurassic Park did something more speculative and slippery by introducing the world to the concept of "de-extinction." Today, we live in a time where resurrecting lost species no longer sounds entirely impossible. Ben Lamm, founder of Colossal Biosciences, believes the woolly mammoth will walk again by 2028. His labs are working with ancient DNA, comparative genomics, and somatic cell nuclear transfer – the same science that cloned Dolly the sheep, now turbocharged with robotics and AI. The ostensible goal has been to resurrect extinct species to seed ecosystems with keystone animals. His team is also simultaneously attempting to revive the dodo, the thylacine (the Tasmanian Devil, or Taz from *Looney Tunes*), and potentially use artificial wombs for reproduction. It's the closest thing we have to a real-life InGen, though unsurprisingly, not everyone is optimistic. Some question the ethics of creating a single living animal just to prove it can be done. Others worry about the unintended consequences of gene editing, including evolutionary whiplash, cellular chaos, and the specter of designer organisms being commodified.

There's a certain poetry in how *Jurassic Park* warned us about the dangers of turning nature into a spectacle while itself becoming the most breathtaking spectacle ever made. A movie that staged a cautionary tale about playing God with prehistoric DNA ended up inspiring decades of scientific fascination, funding, and, ironically, real-world attempts. The franchise that once asked whether we should resurrect extinct animals is now part of a cultural machine that increasingly seems to whisper, "Why not?" It captured, maybe accidentally, the exact shape of our cultural neurosis: the maniacal desire to control nature, a belief in technological omnipotence, and a tendency to moralise after the fact.

Perhaps the cruelest cosmic twist is that the plastic toy dinosaurs clutched by children today – those mass-produced echoes of Spielberg's creations – are, in a very real sense, made of dinosaurs. Fossil fuels, derived from ancient organic matter liquefied over millennia, have been moulded into choking hazards and Happy Meal replicas of the creatures. These great beasts who once walked the Earth now circle in a perfect closed loop of commercial mythmaking. Capitalism, like life, finds a way.

THE DAILY QUIZ

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The first quiz in a multi-part series on the Indian National Movement

Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
Which tribal community led a rebellion in 1855–56 in response to colonial exploitation?

QUESTION 2
Under which Act was Bahadur Shah Zafar tried in the Red Fort in 1858?

QUESTION 3
Which Indian revolutionary raised an early version of the Indian flag at an international socialist gathering in 1907, marking India's assertion on the world stage?

QUESTION 4
Upon conviction, what was the sentence handed down to Savarkar by the British colonial government?

QUESTION 5
What was the codename for the attempted pan-India uprising against British rule during World War I in 1915?

QUESTION 6
Who was the exiled Indian prince who headed the Provisional Government of India set up in Kabul in 1915?

Visual question:
This Kerala ruler, portrayed by Malayalam actor Mammootty on the silver screen, waged a 13-year guerrilla war against the East India Company. Name him. FILE PHOTO

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This gentleman played in the first-ever Test cricket innings and scored a century. **Ans: Charles Bannerman from Australia**
2. Name this athlete who set a world record in the women's 800-metre race in 1983. **Ans: Jarmila Kratochvílová (800 m in 1min, 53.28 seconds)**
3. This basketball player scored 100 points in a single game for the Philadelphia Warriors on March 2, 1962. The late Kobe Bryant came closest to this mark with these many points. **Ans: Wilt Chamberlain; 81**
4. This English cueist was the undisputed king of early snooker. **Ans: Joe Davis**
5. This French football striker holds the record for the most goals in a single FIFA World Cup tournament. **Ans: Just Fontaine**
Visual: This American athlete redefined his sport with a single, breathtaking performance nicknamed "the leap of the century." **Ans: Bob Beamon for long jump**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| Siddhartha Viswanathan| Haridas Pal| Abhay Krishan| Piyali Tuli

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subrahmanian
S. Upendran

"My father and I went to the new restaurant yesterday. We didn't really eat all that much. But we got a bill for 500!"

"That must have knocked your father for a loop."

"Knocked my father for a loop! I've never heard that expression before."

"That's not surprising! 'Knock someone for a loop' is a slang expression and it means to 'surprise or upset someone'. For example, this morning I heard that Rajat was getting a divorce. The news really knocked me for a loop."

"Meaning, it upset you terribly."

"Yes, that's right!"

"When I heard that one of my classmates had been arrested, it knocked me for a loop. Can I say that?"

"Yes, you can. You could also say, 'It threw me for a loop'. You can either 'knock someone for a loop', or 'throw someone for a loop'. Both are acceptable."

"I see."

"In your case, the questions that you get in your physics exam always throw you for a loop."

"That's true. So, how's life?"

"Not too good, I'm afraid. The company isn't doing too well. So, the management is trying to pension off some of the old people."

"Pension off? You mean these people are being fired?"

"No! No! When you pension off someone, it means you retire him/her with a pension."

"Is your boss going to pension you off?"

"I haven't worked long enough to get a pension! The company that my best friend works for has pensioned off many of its workers."

"Sounds pretty serious. Does this mean that you will not be asking your boss for a raise in the near future?"

"You're right. I won't be asking him for a raise. Neither my friends nor the manager is planning to ask for one."

"Shouldn't that be 'Neither my friends nor the manager are planning to ask for a raise'?"

"No. You see, when you have two subjects joined by either 'or' or 'nor', then the verb you use is determined by the subject that comes after 'or' or 'nor'. For example, in the sentence 'Neither my friends nor the manager...'"

"...the subject that comes after 'nor' is 'manager'."

"Exactly! Since 'manager' is singular, the verb that follows it should be singular as well. Therefore the verb that follows it is 'is' and not 'are'."

"I see. But suppose I say, 'Either the cat or the dogs...'"

"In this case, since the plural subject 'dogs' follows 'or', the verb..."

"...that follows 'dogs' must be plural too! Either the cat or the dogs have eaten the meat."

"But if you reversed the order, you would say, 'Either the dogs or the cat has eaten the meat'."

Published in The Hindu on February 25, 1997.

Word of the day

Woebegone:
worn and broken down by hard use; affected by or full of grief or woe

Synonyms: creaky, decrepit, derelict, flea-bitten, run-down

Usage: *That is a woebegone old shack.*

Pronunciation:
newsth.live/woebegonepro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˈwəʊbɪgɒn/

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Opinions split over decision to scrap permit exemption for public transport EVs

EV owners and operators in the State have voiced concerns about the sudden shift in policy while conventional vehicle operators, including auto and taxi riders, have long opposed the exemption

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Transport Department's decision to withdraw the exemption from obtaining permits for electric, methanol, and ethanol-based public transport vehicles has received a mixed response from stakeholders.

In a circular issued on Tuesday, the department revoked the earlier provision that allowed these vehicles to operate without permits, which was in line with the Union Road Transport Ministry's October 18, 2018, order.

The Central government had introduced the exemption to promote eco-friendly transport options and reduce carbon emissions.

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FILE PHOTO

However, the State has now decided to reverse this, citing misuse of the facility.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Radhakrishna Holla, president of the Karnataka State Travel Operators' Association, welcomed the move. "The government had provided free road permits for EVs, but this was being misused. We saw a surge in EV autorickshaws, taxis, and goods vehicles operating without any regulation. The Transport Department has now rightly stepped in," he said. Conventional vehicle operators, particularly auto and taxi drivers, have long opposed the exemption. Murthy G.S., a cab driver from Yeshwanthpur, said"This is a good decision. When we are made to follow all safety and regulatory norms, it is only fair that electric vehicle operators also follow the same rules." However, EV owners and operators have voiced concerns about the sudden shift in policy. While they have agreed to comply with the zero-permit fee rule, they fear the application process may be cumbersome. "We are okay with getting permits if it's free, but the government must ensure the process is smooth and not like the badly-managed RTO system we are already struggling with," said Rafiq M., an e-auto owner from Rajajinagar.

Gates open, alert sounded

IN FULL FLOW: Water being released from the Tungabhadra reservoir, near Hosapete, on Thursday. Authorities have alerted people living in the downstream and advised them to remain vigilant and take appropriate precautions. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Woman dies of heart attack on hearing about son's death

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Sharada Bai, an 86-year-old woman, died of suspected heart attack after she was told that her son, Lakshmikant Joshi, succumbed to injuries in an road accident near Ghodampalli village of Bidar district on Wednesday night.

Lakshmikant Joshi, 45, and 18-year-old Ravi Pagdoddi, travelling in a goods vehicle died on spot after the vehicle fell into a roadside well near Ghodampalli village.

Government of Jharkhand
Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department
(Disaster Management Division)
T.A. Division Building, Near Golchakar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin Code-834004.

Expression of Interest (Request for Proposal)

HIRING SERVICES OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRM FOR STATUTORY AUDIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR - 2010-11 TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-26

Due to unavoidable reasons the date of Opening of Technical bid 4.7.2025 of the advertisement published on 20.06.2025 PR No.-355524 is **extended till further information.**

Under Secretary,
Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department
(Disaster Management Division), Jharkhand, Ranchi
T.A. Division Building, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin Code-834004.

PR 356486 Home, Prison And Disaster Management(25-26)#D

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property **1. Sri. B.PRASANNA KUMAR,** S/o. Sri. Late. C.Basavaiah, Aged About 82 years, AADHAR No. (9746 8216 2247), **2. Sri. B.VIJAYAKUMAR,** S/o. Sri. Late. C.Basavaiah, Aged About 75 years, (AADHAR No. 9429 3298 2616), both are represented by their GPA Holder Sri. B. Manjesh Kumar and **3. Sri. B.MANJESH KUMAR,** S/o. Sri. Late. C.Basavaiah, Aged About 67 years, (AADHAR No. 7563 0078 5564) and accordingly entered into an agreement to sell. All are Residing Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. Anybody has got any sort of legal right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said sale transaction, shall approach the under mentioned advocate within **7 days** from this day, with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the undeveloped agricultural vacant land bearing Sy. No. 58/2A, measuring 0-11 (Eleven) Guntas of dry land having khata No. 58, situated at Gubbalala Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, with all rights appurtenance whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and AND BOUNDED ON:

East by : Property belongs to Sri. Maruthi Rao and Sri. Lakshmikanth. West by : Property belongs to Sri. Veeranna. North by : Property belongs to Smt. Indrani. South by : Property belongs to Sri. Ajay Khaitan.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mr. THANARAM, Mr. SURESH KUMAR PUROHIT, Mr. UTTAM KUMAR, Mr. AMRAT PUROHIT** and **Mr. ARJUN KUMAR** have entered into an Agreement for sale, for purchasing the below described Schedule Property from its sole and absolute owner **SRI. L.SHIVALINGEGOWDA,** Aged about 75 years, S/o. Late. Sri Channaiah, presently residing at: Nagarbhavi, 2nd Stage, Bangalore- 560 091. Now on the demand of the seller my clients have agreed to proceed with the purchase by execution of absolute sale deed in their names, Any person/s, having any objection or claim over the Schedule property may object or lodge their claim/s in writing addressed to the below mentioned Advocate's office within **15 days** from the date of publication, with documentary proof / evidence, failing which my clients would proceed to purchase the Schedule Property by getting absolute sale deed executed in their names and any objection/claim received thereafter would not be considered valid and the same shall not bind my clients in any manner whatsoever.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of South East Corner Portion of the Building Property Bearing No.243, Presently bearing BBMP E-Khata E-P.I.D No. 4010303490, formed in the land bearing Survey Nos.1/3A, 48/1 & 2, 49, 50/2 to 5, 51/8, 52/1, 53/1 & 2, 54/1 to 10, 55/1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4 & 5, 56/1 to 4, 57, 58, 59/1 & 2, 60, 61, 62/1 & 2, 63/1 to 4, 64, 66, 67/3, of Nagasandra Village and Survey.Nos.5/1, 5/2, 6/7 to 10, 7, 8/1, 8/2, 9/1, 9/2, 9/3, 10/1, 10/2, 11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 12/1 to 5 and 13/1 of Nelakadhirenahalli Village, in all measuring 129 Acres 34 Guntas, and the layout formed by the HMT Employees Co-operative House Building Society Ltd., Measuring East to West:-40-0 feet and North to South:-30-0 feet in all 1200 Square feet, along with R.C.C Roofed commercial Building constructed as 6(Six) Square on the Ground Floor, 6(Six) Square on the First Floor, 6(Six) Square on the Second Floor, and 6(Six) Square on the Third Floor, totally having a built-up area of 24(Twenty Four) Square, situated at HMT Employees Co-operative House Building Society layout, (now called as KRS Gowda Extension) Nagasandra & Nelakadhirenahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Presently comes under BBMP Ward No.39, and bounded on to the:-

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.244,
North by : Remaining Northern Portion of the Site No.243,
South by : Road.

SUJIT.U
ADVOCATE
No: G-4, NISH III Apartment, Ashwath Nagar, Bengaluru-560 094
Contact No: 9902029705
Bangalore Date : 03-07-2025

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. HE-TRD-2025-26-OT-07
Dated : 27-06-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of SCADA system for SYNERGY make remote terminal units of Ballari - Hosapete as per RDSO Specification No. I/SPC/RCC/SCADA/0133 for 4 years.	Rs. 95,33,184/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 Hrs on 28-07-2025
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ Traction Distribution/Hubballi
PUB/248/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No.
Y-E-29-2025-26-16 Dt: 24.06.2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tender for the following work.

Item of work	Approx.Value
(1) OHE modification for construction of 12 Meters Foot Over Bridge by Gati Shakti Unit/Mysuru at CHAMARAJANAGAR. (2) OHE modification for construction of 12 Meters Foot Over Bridge by Gati Shakti Unit/Mysuru at HASSAN. (3) OHE modification for construction of 12 Meters Foot Over Bridge by Gati Shakti Unit/Mysuru at SUBRAHMANYA **Allocation: 20-53-76-03**	Rs. 61,61,904.66/-

Last date for Submission of bids :
Upto 11.00 hrs on 16.07.2025
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(Only as pere-Tender procedure on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
Tendering Invitation Notice
Engineering, Procurement and Construction- Tender No.– 20 / 2025-26
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Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Tender in two bid system (Technical and Financial bid) is invited from Any Contractor Registered with Government of India / Any State Government / Any Public Sector unit Undertakings or an Agency of National / International repute for the following work.

Sl. No	Name of work	Bid Value	Bid Security/ EMD	Cost of Bid Document	Cost of Bid Processing (in Rs.)	Time of completion of work
1.	Overall Development in Accordance with Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirtha Kshetra, Ayodhya at Punauradham, the Birthplace of Mother Sita, Situated in Sitamarhi District. (Engineering Procurement and Construction basis) with operation and maintenance of 10 years	Rs. 812.14 Cr.	Rs. 8.23 Cr.	Rs. 10,000.00	Rs. 5,900.00	42 Months (6 Months: - Planning, Design & Demolition, 36 Months: - Construction)

1.	Date of Inviting Tender	:	11/07/2025
2.	Last date and time of sale (download) of Tender	:	17/07/2025 to 07/08/2025, 15.00 Hrs (Only www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
3.	Last date and time of submission (upload) of Tender	:	07/08/2025, 15.00 Hrs (Only www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4.	Date, Time & Place of Pre-Bid meeting	:	24/07/2025, 11.00 Hrs
5.	Date & Time of opening of Tender (Technical Bid)	:	08/08/2025 16.00 HOURS
6.	Date and time of opening of financial bid	:	After approval of technical bid by Competent Authority
7.	Place of Submission of Tender	:	website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8.	Period of Bid Validity	:	120 days

Other information can be obtained and downloaded from web site www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in and departmental website https://state.bihar.gov.in

Executive Engineer (North),
PR. No. 007774 (B&C) 2025-26 Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd.

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F. No. 02-14/2021-22/AIIMS/GHY/ESTT/RECT(SR)/PART – II/303D(A) **Dated : 12.06.2025**

WALK IN INTERVIEW FOR RECRUITMENT OF SENIOR RESIDENTS (NON-ACADEMIC)

AIIMS, Guwahati invites application for the post of Senior Resident (Non-Academic) on tenure basis for a period of 03 (three) years (Tenure post on contract for maximum period of 3 years as per Central Residency Scheme), in various Departments of AIIMS, Guwahati, Assam as under: -

Sl. No.	Department	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	Total Vacancy
1	Anaesthesiology	9	6	3		2	20
2	Anatomy	5					5
3	Biochemistry	3	3	2		1	9
4	Burns & Plastic Surgery		1	1			2
5	Cardiology	1				1	2
6	Cardio Thoracic & VS		1	1			2
7	Community & Family Medicine	2	1	1		1	5
8	Dentistry (Oral and maxillofacial surgery MDS)		1				1
9	Dermatology		1	1			2
10	Endocrinology		1				1
11	ENT	1					1
12	Forensic Medicine & Toxicology	3	2	1		1	7
13	Gastroenterology				1		1
14	General Medicine	9	5	3	1	1	19
15	General surgery	7	4	3	1	2	17
16	Hospital Administration			1			1
17	Medical Oncology / Haematology	1	1				2
18	Microbiology	5	2	1		1	9
19	Neonatology	2					2
20	Nephrology		1				1
21	Neurology	1		1		1	3
22	Neurosurgery		1		1		2
23	Nuclear Medicine	1					1
24	Obstetrics and Gynaecology	3	3	3		2	11
25	Ophthalmology	1	1	2	1	1	6
26	Orthopaedics	4	2	1			7
27	Paediatrics	7	4	3	1	1	16
28	Paediatric Surgery	1	1				2
29	Pathology	4	2	2		1	9
30	Pharmacology	2	1		1		4
31	Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	1		1		1	3
32	Physiology	3	1	1			5
33	Psychiatry			1	1	1	3
34	Pulmonary Medicine		1				1
35	Radiation Oncology	1	1				2
36	Radiology	5	3	2	1	1	12
37	Surgical Gastroenterology					1	1
38	Surgical Oncology			1			1
39	Transfusion Medicine & Blood Bank	2	1				3
40	Trauma & Emergency Medicine	2	3	2	1	1	9
41	Urology	2					2
	TOTAL	**88**	**55**	**38**	**10**	**21**	**212**

Name of the post	No. of vacancies reserved for PwBD
Senior Resident	09

For detailed advertisement please visit **www.aiimsguwahati.ac.in.** Any corrigendum/addendum and etc will be uploaded only institute website. Candidates are advised to check the website regularly for updates.

Sd/- Executive Director, AIIMS, Guwahati

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the **ARM - II Branch, Bangalore of Canara Bank,** the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM - II Branch, Bangalore** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Sl. No.	Borrower Name/ Description of the movable / immovable assets:	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Properties(Name of owner/mortgagor to be mentioned)	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price & EMD	1) Incremental value at the Bid 2) Inspection Date 3) A/c No. & IFSC 4) Sale Notice Date
1	**(1) Sri. Sayed Ibrahim Farhan** S/o Sayed Hussain Barmavar, No.15, Ground Floor,3rd Cross, Kanakanagar R T Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560032. **Also at:** No.64, Jamia Street, Bhatkal, Karnataka - 581320. **(2) Smt Jumana** W/o Sayed Ibrahim Farhan, No.15, Ground Floor,3rd Cross, Kanakanagar, R T Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560032. **Also at:** Haneefabad 1st Cross, Bhatkal Karnataka – 581320.	**Rs. 2,38,08,906.69 (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Six and Sixty Nine Paisa only) as on 02.07.2025 along with expenses, other charges, etc.**	**Property No.1 (Villa) :** All the piece and parcel of the immovable portion of property bearing Villa No.46, E Khatha No.150200102300122861-1500/46 in gated layout MANAR PURE EARTH, carved out of Sy No.7/1, Sarjapura Village,Sarjapura Hobli,Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.Total extent of plot – 108 Sq Mts and Bounded on: East by: Site No.69, West by: Road, North by: Site No.47, South by: Site No.45.	**23.07.2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m**	**Rs. Rs.51.50 Lakhs EMD: Rs.5,15,000/- on or before 22.07.2025**	**(1) Rs. 50,000/- (2) with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer (3) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC CNRB0006298 (4) 03.07.2025**
			Property No.2 (Flat) : All that piece and parcel of the immovable portion of property bearing Flat No FF-3, Fourth Floor,B Block,"S2 Water Homes – The Water Grove", Ananthnanagar to Kammasandra Road,Kammasandra Post Phase 1,Attibele Hobli,Anekal Taluk,Bangalore ,measuring 2171 Sqft and bounded on: East by: Flat No.FF 4, West by: Flat No.FF 2, North by: Open Space, South by: Corridor.		**Rs. 79.94 Lakhs EMD: Rs.7,99,400/- on or before 22.07.2025**	

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

a) Auction/bidding shall be only through **"Online Electronic Bidding"** through the **website https://baanknet.com/** Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
b) The proeprty can be inspected, with Prior Appointment with Authorized officer.
c) The property will be sold for the price which is more than the Reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process.
d) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (Baanknet)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the **EMD through RTGS/NEFT** in the account details as mentioned in the said challan.
e) After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before **22.07.2025,** mentioned above, to **Canara Bank, ARM - II Branch, Bangalore** by hand OR Email.
i) Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No.
ii) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount.
iii) Bid form to be submitted by Bidder.
The intending bidders should register their names at portal **https://baanknet.com/** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider **M/s.PSB Alliance (Baanknet) - e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest.
f) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of **Rs.50,000/-.** The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor.
g) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. This amount shall be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, ARM II Branch OR shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of **Canara Bank, ARM II Branch, A/c. No. 209272434, IFSC Code: CNRB0006298.**
h) For sale proceeds of **Rs.50.00 lacs (Rupees Fifty lacs)** and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank.
i) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST, registration charges, tax arrears, other charges, dues etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only.
jk) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof.
k) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM II branch who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements.
l) Bidder has to make due diligence and physical verification of property with regard to title, extent, area dues, etc. No claim subsequent to submission of bid shall be entertained by the bank.
For further details contact Authorized Officer, **Chief Manager, Canara Bank , ARM Branch-2- (9113092975, 8921102717, 9201460154, 9483544116, 8709675503 and 080-25310181) e-mail id – cb6298@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.PSB Alliance(Baanknet) e- mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION / CAUTION

Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back–up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date : 03.07.2025
Place: Bangalore

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Medha Patkar appeals to CM to shelve project at Devanahalli

National leaders of SKM, including Rakesh Tikait, have warned of an intensified agitation if land acquisition is not shelved; they are set to address a State-level convention in Bengaluru today

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Ahead of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's crucial meeting on Friday with farmers of Devanahalli taluk, who are demanding shelving of acquisition of their lands for Aerospace Park, social activist Medha Patkar has written a letter appealing to his "conscience" to take cognisance of people's views and "perspective of development" and shelve the project.

Also, national leaders of Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM), including Rakesh Tikait, who arrived in Karnataka to meet the protesting farmers, not only appealed to the Chief Minister to consider the farmers' demand, but also warned of an intensified agitation if land acquisition is not shelved. They are also set to address a State-level convention titled 'Save Our Lands' in Bengaluru on Friday in support of farmers.

SKM leader Rakesh Tikait meeting farmers protesting at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is set to meet the protesting farmers today

Protracted fight

Farmers of Channarayapatna hobli of Devanahalli taluk have been protesting for 1,186 days demanding that the notification on acquisition of 1,777 acres of land in 13 villages of the taluk be shelved. As their protest became broad-based with various progressive organisations lending their support, the chief minister has convened a meeting with their representatives in Bengaluru on Friday to discuss their demand.

As the countdown began for the much expected meeting with the Chief Minister, Ms. Medha Patkar, in her letter, said, "I appeal to your conscience, and Cabinet ministers, including Industries Minister M.B. Patil, to take cognisance of people's views and perspective of development and repeal the proposed project and save their livelihood which is a part of Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution."

She further said, "You know that it was the erstwhile UPA government's regime, during which the LARR Act, 2013, was passed, and that provided big relief to the project-affected people since they were given space and participatory rights in the decision-making process. Yet in many of the States after 2013, different Acts/policies were passed using the right of the State, since land acquisition is in the concurrent list."

She hoped that the government under Mr. Siddaramaiah's helm would not bypass these participatory and democratic processes in decision making. "We also expect that you would stand with the farmers, small traders and all those whose livelihood depends on the land which is proposed to be acquired for the industrial estate," she said.

"We would like industries to be as decentralised, giving priority to these small industries, cottage industries, village industries that would generate employment rather than the mega-industries. Also, the land to be used for non-agricultural purposes should be mostly the government land and waste land and not the prime agriculture land," Ms. Patkar said.

Earlier, addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, SKM national leaders hoped that the Chief Minister would respond positively to the farmers' demands. They said the Chief Minister should send a message to BJP-ruled States that he is in favour farmers by shelving the project.

Pre-poll promise

Pointing out that he had assured farmers before the polls of dropping this project if voted to power, they argued that shelving the project should have been the first decision he should have made.

Meanwhile, the National Alliance of Agrarian Communities and the National Alliance of People's Movements too sent a letter to the Chief Minister, urging him to stand by the toiling farmers.

In another development, Mr. Siddaramaiah, Mr. Patil, and other officials and Ministers held a marathon meeting on Thursday to discuss the issue.

NMC blacklists senior doctor held by CBI on bribery charge

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has blacklisted a senior doctor working as an assessor, who allegedly received a bribe of ₹10 lakh in exchange for a positive assessment report to Jawaharalal Nehru Medical College of KLE Society, Belagavi. He was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in this case.

The NMC also decided that the renewal of the existing number of seats of the college in under-graduate (UG) and post-graduate (PG) courses will not be done for the academic year 2025-26. "Furthermore, the application for increase of seats and starting of new courses for both UG and PG received by the Medical Assessment & Rating Board (MARB) for the year 2025-26 shall be cancelled and not processed further," it stated.

The CBI arrested a senior doctor and Head of Department, Anatomy, at Murshidabad Medical College, working as an assessor with the NMC, after he allegedly received a bribe in exchange for a positive report to Jawaharalal Nehru Medical College in May 2025.

An FIR in this regard was lodged by the CBI against some of the assessors, college authorities, and unknown persons. The matter is currently under investigation.

In its clarification, the NMC said that senior faculty members from various government medical colleges across the country volunteer to conduct periodic inspections in medical institutions on behalf of the Commission. "As such, the assessors are not employed by the Commission, but are pooled in from nationwide government medical colleges and assigned for inspections through a randomisation process," it stated.

Awaiting NMC intimation

B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Directorate of Medical Education, said, "We have not received any official information or order from the NMC regarding this incident. Appropriate action will be taken against the college as soon as the information is received."

Co-op. bodies marketing arecanut seek cut in GST to 5% on copper sulphate

Raviprasad Kamila
MANGALURU

With the 56th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting likely to be held in July, cooperative bodies marketing arecanut in the State have sought a reduction in GST on copper sulphate from a maximum 18% to 5%.

Copper sulphate is a major ingredient in Bordeaux mixture, a fungicide used to control '*kole roga*' (fruit rot disease) in arecanut plantations. The disease hits arecanut plantations when there is incessant heavy rains. The mixture is also used to control fungal diseases in crops such as coffee, rubber, cardamom, pepper, and ginger.

Arecanut farmers in coastal, Malnad belts and in some districts of central Karnataka are highly dependent on copper sulphate to control the disease.

The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ramnath Thakur told the Lok Sabha on March 18 that Karnataka ranks first in arecanut production with 10 lakh tonnes from 6.8 lakh hectares out of a total production of 14.11 lakh tonnes from 9.4 lakh hectares in India, as per final estimate for 2023-24.

A. Kishore Kumar Kodgi, president of the Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Cooperative (CAMPCO) Ltd, Mangaluru, told *The Hindu*: "We have been writing to the Union government to revise the GST for copper sulphate from 18% to 5% since 2021, but to no avail."

Price up

He stated that this year, CAMPCO has been selling copper sulphate to its grower members at ₹330 per kg, compared to ₹310 per kg last year. Private traders are selling it above ₹350 per kg.

The price increased this year due to higher copper scrap prices and also due to the classification of copper sulphate as an industrial product rather than a fertiliser. Industrial products are taxed at 18% GST, while fertilisers attract a lower 5% GST, Mr. Kodgi said.

The copper scrap, which was available at around ₹400-450 per kg (plus GST) in 2020, now costs around ₹850 per kg (plus GST). "Multiple GST rates (5%, 12% and 18%) on products used for the same agricultural purpose (crop nutrition and protection) create classification ambiguities and compliance challenges," Mr. Kodgi said.

"Uniform GST rate of 5% for all agricultural inputs, including copper sulphate, would ensure fairness, and affordability," he said, adding that lower taxation will benefit many farmers.

Book release tomorrow

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will release *Kuvempu Vichara Kranti*, edited by Baragur Ramachandrappa, on Saturday. The book, published by Jana Prakashana, focuses on the ideas of Kannada poet Kuvempu. The event will be held at 5 p.m. at the NGO auditorium, Cubbon Park.

Hampa Nagarajaiah will be the chief guest. Retired judge H.N. Nagamohan Das, former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Chidananda Gowda, and Kuvempu's daughter Tharini Chidananda Gowda will attend.

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'Strong deterrent measures needed from govt. to tackle AMR'

Ajay Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Taslimarif Saiyed, Director-CEO, C-CAMP, and Ekroop Caur, Secretary, Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology, and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka, along with participants of AMR Innovation Workshop. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Ajay Sood says quantum computing will be a game changer in drug discovery

In tackling the anti-microbial resistance (AMR) challenges India faces, the difficulty to enforce the existing guidelines has been posing an issue, said Ajay Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, while addressing the media at an AMR Innovation Workshop held by The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP).

"Over-the-counter sale of antibiotics is the biggest culprit. We also have fake doctors who prescribe antibiotics. Many people think doctor consultation is a waste. But a pharmacist cannot replace a doctor. People also feed antibiotics to their animals prophylactically, which then gets passed downstream through food products," he said urging for stronger deterrent measures from the government.

Noting that the power of new technology will prove to be extremely useful in biosciences, Mr. Sood said that quantum computing will be a game changer in drug discovery.

Building new solutions

Taslimarif Saiyed, Director-CEO, C-CAMP, noted that building new solutions was important to tackle the AMR challenge, along with enforcement. He pointed out that Karnataka is now developing its own State Action Plan AMR.

"One of the efforts that has been happening under the aegis of the Office of the PSA, as well as the Department of IT/BT - Government of Karnataka is to build solutions.

"Today, the diagnostic cost is much higher than the antibiotic cost. It also takes a long time to get results and determine which antibiotic to prescribe. If we have solutions that can do quick detection at a lower cost and decide which antibiotic to give, people will rather go through a scientific way of diagnostics instead of directly going to pharmacist and taking antibiotics.

The event saw the launch of One Health AMR Challenge 2025 by C-CAMP, with the support of the International Centre for Antimicrobial Resistance Solutions (ICARS), to identify, support, and scale breakthrough technologies tackling AMR across human, animal, and environmental health.

Selected innovations will receive financial support ranging from ₹40 lakh to ₹2 crore based on technology readiness. Comprehensive technical assistance–including regulatory, legal, IP, manufacturing, and market readiness support will also be provided.

The workshop held by C-CAMP under the aegis of the India AMR Innovation Hub (IAIH), brought together over 50 key stakeholders from academia, industry, government, and the public health ecosystem. Innovations including Pocket PCR devices, air sterilisation systems, and paper-based lateral flow tests were featured.

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A hub in the making: (Clockwise from top) A 3D technology facility at Bengaluru Airport City has been operational since July 2022; SATS Central Kitchen can produce up to 1,70,000 ready-to-eat meals a day, and the six-lane tree-lined road at the airport city. PHOTOS: K. MURALI KUMAR

Bengaluru's upcoming aerotropolis promises to be a smart, sustainable city

A futuristic Bengaluru Airport City will be developed on the KIA premises over the next decade. Spread over 463 acres, it will have business parks, a global innovation hub, an education and health district, a retail dining entertainment village, a concert arena, and more. **Hemanth C.S.** gets an exclusive peek into what the future holds.

The Karnataka government might have set the ball rolling for a second airport for Bengaluru to meet the future demands of the city and the State, but the existing Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) at Devanahalli still has more to offer not just as a world-class airport but as an international gateway to a sustainable smart and vibrant city, say those at the helm.

Over the next decade or so, a futuristic airport city is being developed within the KIA premises, about 40 km north of the city, applying the core principles of 'work, play, live, learn, and create'.

Sprawling area

Spread over 463 acres, the Bengaluru Airport City will have business parks, a global innovation hub, an education and health district, a retail dining entertainment (RDE) village, a concert arena, a convention and exhibition centre, a knowledge park, an hospitality area, a logistics park, and a central park.

While the business parks will occupy 241 acres of land, the hospitality area will cover 44 acres, RDE village 23 acres, and the remaining 155 acres will have logistics parks, education and health district, aerospace park, corporate retreat, etc.

Making strides: Work on the business park cluster in progress at the airport city. K. MURALI KUMAR

Overseeing this project is Bengaluru Airport City Limited (BACL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) incorporated in early 2020.

Master plan

Before the commencement of the project, BACL officials say they visited Incheon International Airport in Seoul, South Korea, Munich International Airport in Germany, and Amsterdam Airport Schiphol in the Netherlands. BACL officials say they conceived the airport city master plan after examining these major airport cities.

"The aim was to identify and understand the scale at which airport cities operate, the specific land-use mix and positioning, and best practices deployed in terms of mobility and infrastructure," officials say.

A few projects at the Bengaluru Airport City are already up and running, like the 3D technology facility and a technologically advanced central kitchen. An EV research and development (R&D) facility is being set up by Epsilon Carbon.

The 3D technology facility from Voxeljet Germany, which has come up on a one-acre plot, has been operational since July 2022, and SATS Central Kitchen, which has come up on 6.7 acres of land, has been operational since March 2024. The SATS Central Kitchen can produce up to 1,70,000 ready-to-eat meals a day.

"Bengaluru Airport City strives to be more than just an urban extension – it aims to serve as a catalyst that propels North Bengaluru into a future-ready economic powerhouse. Our vision is to create an environment that functions as a living laboratory, where R&D hubs and global capability centres operate round the clock, driving cutting-edge research, continuous progress, and breakthrough inventions," says Rao Munukutla, executive director and CEO of BACL.

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Hospitality and business park

The airport city will also host one of the largest hotels in the country promoted by Vivanta and Ginger. The 775-room Combo Hotel (Vivanta and Ginger), which is under construction, is expected to be operational in October 2026. The proposed hotel comprises a combination of a 450-room Vivanta (four star) and a 325-room Ginger (three star) hotels.

According to the BACL, a demand study had shown a potential to develop up to 5,200 keys (accommodation units) in total to cater to the needs within the airport city. At present, there is one five-star hotel operational within the airport, Taj Bangalore, with 370 rooms.

"Hospitality will be a big story on this campus. While we complete the airport city, we will have 5,200 keys. So technically, if you take 100 keys as a standard hotel, it is equivalent to having 52 hotels on this campus," Munukutla says.

The BACL will also develop 28 million sq. ft of business parks over time, starting with the first phase of 2 million sq. ft. This will cater to the requirements of the global capability centres (GCCs), technology companies, and financial institutions. The construction for Phase 1 of 0.5 mn sq. ft has commenced.

In addition, the BACL, along with the Government of Karnataka, recently announced the establishment of the global innovation hub – District I – within the business park to bring together GCCs, IT service providers, accelerators, corporate labs, start-ups, venture capital firms, academia, and public institutions. "In Bengaluru, start-ups are scattered across the city. There are a few in Koramangala and a few in Whitefield. There is no place like Silicon Valley, where all the start-ups are in the surrounding area of Stanford University and San Francisco. The District I fixes this issue," Munukutla says.

An Air India Academy will also become operational by July 2026, where approximately 360 students will get trained every year.

"Airports and airport cities are socio-economic hinges. Students from Devanahalli and surrounding villages can get trained in this academy. The qualification for getting trained here is a class 10 or class 12 pass. They will be learning hands-on aircraft maintenance. Then they will get absorbed in our maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities. We have got an Indigo MRO here and Air India is also building a massive MRO," Munukutla says.

Addressing vibrancy

Munukutla opines that vibrancy is missing in Bengaluru when compared with global cities. "For any city to be dynamic, vibrancy is very important. We want the airport city to be a vibrant destination," he says.

At the airport city, a Concert Arena is also being constructed, which is expected to be operational by the end of 2026. Designed to be a state-of-the-art, fully integrated, technologically advanced venue with world-class acoustics and flexible infrastructure, it will accommodate 10,000 people.

This Concert Arena is the first of its kind in an airport city in India, and it is being developed in technical collaboration with Live Nation, U.S.

"We will have a metro station. People from Bengaluru can take a train and come here for the shows at the Concert Arena. Not just people from Bengaluru but people from all over India and the neighbouring countries, East Asia, Malaysia, and Indonesia can fly to Bengaluru and stay in the hotels here, so all these make the airport city a destination by itself," says Munukutla.

The Bengaluru Airport City draws inspiration from the Singapore Smart City.

"Built environment and city management, urban mobility, energy, environment and water, and safety and security these are the five pillars on which Singapore works, from there we derived 12 solutions which are: advanced security and surveillance, PA system and AI-based video analytics, smart traffic management, smart energy management, smart street light, environment monitoring, waste management, transport management, smart kiosk, digital signage, public Wi-Fi, and the airport city mobile app. We are applying these solutions to our airport city," says a BACL official.

The BACL says that the airport city's urban design guidelines are aligned with the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals by promoting mixed use development to ensure that it becomes inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

In addition, the BACL and the Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS) have signed a memorandum of understanding to jointly advance sustainable, energy-efficient developments, aligned with global best practices in high-performance building design at the airport city.

Through its ASSURE programme, the IIHS also aims to accelerate the development of super-efficient, high-performance real estate in line with India's climate goals.

The BACL has also received the IGBC Green City 'Platinum' rating for green master plan and design and policy interventions for the entire development.

Munukutla says that 90% of the project work will be completed by 2038, and the last 10% in the subsequent years.

Will it work?

Aviation experts and urban planners have welcomed the move to establish the airport city, which they say can evolve into a central business district by itself.

"It will work because you are going to have campuses that will be very close to the airport. The new aero city is following the similarities of quite a few global airports, but newer generation airports and not older generation ones," says aviation expert Devesh Agarwal.

He adds that if the planners are building an entertainment district or a chain of restaurants it will work as well.

"If you see, the northern Bengaluru area does not have too many food and beverage outlets beyond Jakkur. Jakkur is kind of the limit; after that, you don't really see any concentration of restaurants and pubs. So, if a complete entertainment and hospitality district is created – a sort of what has been done in Delhi aero city where they have a mall with many restaurants inside – it will work out. I also think they will focus on what is called the meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions sector," he adds.

Unique venture

Another expert says that when the Bengaluru Airport City comes up, it will truly be India's first airport city. "Though Delhi has an aero city, its concentration is more on hotels and restaurants, unlike this one, where you have a mix of business and entertainment," says an expert.

Under construction: Bengaluru Airport City will also host one of the largest hotels in the country promoted by Vivanta and Ginger. The 775-room combo hotel is expected to be operational in October 2026. K. MURALI KUMAR

Balancing modernity and tradition has always been a matter of debate when it comes to the creative arts. Karnataka's Yakshagana artistes weigh in

To be or not to be

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From the coastal villages of Karnataka to international borders, the traditional dance-drama art form Yakshagana, has evolved over the decades. Mainly practiced in Udupi, Shivamogga and Chikkamagalurur in Karnataka, and Kasargod in Kerala, Yakshagana combines dance, music, and improvised speech for storytelling on stage.

Shridhar Hegde Keremane, a Yakshagana artiste of the Idagunji Mahaganapati Yakshagana Mandali troupe, says, "My great grandfather, Shivarama Hegde, established our troupe in 1934 in Honavar. Since then, many changes have been incorporated – for instance, my great grandfather introduced time-limited shows in practice."

For the longest time, all Yakshagana performances would be performed by men in open fields, lasting a whole night from dusk to dawn. Now, there are shows ranging anywhere from five minutes to five hours in airconditioned auditoriums at any time of the day, some even being performed by women artistes.

Embracing new narratives

However, one of the biggest shifts in contemporary Yakshagana was when artistes decided to use narratives outside *The Ramayana* and *The Mahabaratha*. Sharanya Ramprakash, a trained Yakshagana artiste and theatre maker says, "Instead of a mythological story, a Yakshagana performance might centre around Bahubali with elements from contemporary life. Or even if they use stories from the epics, they are contemporised."

She believes this is one way in which this art form remains relevant today. "I believe a form that listens to the contemporary beat of today will not die. With changes in society, Yakshagana performances are improvised through its speech and narratives."

Time after time Yakshagana artistes tread a thin line between the classical and contemporary. SUDHAKARA JAIN AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shridhar feels this attempt to contemporise disrespects the traditional art form. "There are troupes which see this art form as an industry, looking at ticket sales rather than creativity or original ideas."

Case for coexistence

Priyanka K Mohan, a Yakshagana artiste and art curator with Suarita Arts Collective feels both traditional and contemporary forms of Yakshagana should be practiced. She was introduced to the artform by her father, K Mohan, founder of Yaksha Degula, a Yakshagana school founded in 1980 in Basavanagudi.

"Most of our work is based on traditional texts but 20% of our performances bring innovation without disrespecting the art form. Some of our performances deal with contemporary issues such as dowry, HIV, the right to vote and to education."

Yet, no matter how relevant contemporary stories are, Priyanka says, one still needs to perform traditional texts because wisdom and knowledge is passed on through them. "Each of us promote this art form by educating ourselves on what constitutes a genuine Yakshagana performance."

Water Lilies in town

This triptych of three short plays share a common thread of random encounters

Three in one A scene from *Water Lilies*. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Water Lilies, a triptych of three short plays with common threads, will be staged in the city this weekend. According to Krishna Kumar S (KK), the artistic director of Masquerade, a 33-year-old Chennai-based performance group behind this production, these "not necessarily interlinked plays" have common themes running through them. Each play consists of a conversation between two strangers.

"Two strangers meet, and talk, exploring the political and the personal, and then they just leave," elucidates KK, adding that the locations featured include a public park in Columbus, Ohio, the Houston Museum of Art and the Washington Airport.

The production also incorporates an AI component. "We've generated some music using AI," explains KK. "We are trying to show that any AI is not bad...you can actually get some fantastic output, which is consistently creative."

Water Lilies will be staged at Medai - The Stage, Koramangala, on July 5 at 7.15pm and on July 6 at 4pm and 7.15pm. Tickets are available on allevents.in.

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Remarks on CS: Horatti seeks explanation

The association said that the remarks made in public were "not just vulgar and defamatory, but they also directly undermine the dignity of her office and the larger civil service".

A delegation, comprising Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy and Water Resources, and Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Managing Director, KPTCL, among others, met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and submitted a letter of condemnation on behalf of the association.

The petition also pointed out that five weeks ago, Mr. Ravikumar had made similar statements against Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner Fouzia Tarannum, questioning her nationality.

"Despite our prior appeal for corrective action, the recurrence of such behaviour reflects a disturbing pattern of targeting and vilifying public service officers," they said.

In another development, a day after KPCC members filed a complaint, the Vidhana Soudha police on Thursday registered a first information report (FIR) against Mr. Ravikumar for his alleged derogatory remarks. Based on the complaint by Nagarathna, a city-based social worker, the police charged the MLC under Sections 351(3) (criminal intimidation), 75(3) (sexual harassment) and 79 (word, gesture or act intended to insult modesty of a woman) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

'I haven't said that'

Meanwhile, Mr. Ravikumar on Friday asserted that he had not made any derogatory remarks against the Chief Secretary. "Let me assert with all the force at my command that I have not made any derogatory remarks against the Chief Secretary," he said in a statement.

He said he had been in Hyderabad for the last three days on official work and was "shocked" to learn that a statement attributed to him was making the rounds. Mr. Ravikumar challenged the Congress leaders to produce evidence against him.

We are game for competition: HAL chief

In May, Defence Minister approved execution model for AMCA and opened the doors for the private sector to compete with the PSU

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

The Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), which will have to compete with private firms for manufacturing India's indigenous fifth generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, has welcomed the government's move to involve private players.

In May, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the execution model for AMCA and opened the doors for the private sector to compete with the Bengaluru-headquartered defence PSU to manufacture the indigenous fifth generation fighter jet.

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. chairman and managing director D.K. Sunil during an interaction with *The Hindu* in Bengaluru on Thursday. K. MURALI KUMAR

End of monopoly

This move ended the monopoly which HAL enjoyed for years when it came to the building prototypes and manufacturing of fighter jets.

HAL chairman and managing director D.K. Sunil said that the PSU had no problem with this move by the government.

"We have no problem with that; we are a very capable company and we are not really afraid of competition. The idea is to develop alternative players to HAL so we are ok with that. We will definitely participate [in the bidding] and we are willing to work with partners to see how to take it forward," Dr. Sunil told *The Hindu*.

"I would not take it in a negative sense that our monopoly is ending in that sense. We are a government company and we have been working since 85 years in the interest of the nation; so I think we are ok with that. We do not see any issue in that," he added.

Under discussion

Asked if HAL had responded to the Expression of Interest (EoI) issued by the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) which is executing the programme, Dr. Sunil said, "The last date is sometime in August. So we will definitely work on this. We are still discussing, we are looking at the details of how the evaluation will be done. We have already issued an EoI to 21 of our partners who have responded that they are interested."

He added that there were three options before HAL – either to go solo or as a consortium, or go as a joint venture – and that it will evaluate and take a decision in the coming month.

LCA delays

On the delay in the delivery schedule for the LCA Mk-1A variant and on the criticism by Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, the HAL chairman reiterated that it was due to the GE Aerospace missing deadline for supply of engines. "The primary reason is the engine. When he (IAF chief) mentioned in February (about not being confident of HAL during Aero India) we did not have a single engine from GE though the airframe was ready," Dr. Sunil said. He added that the first engine came in April and that GE had promised the second engine in July.

"Apart from the engines we also have issues regarding the software, the radar, and the missiles. There have been some issues with iterations of the software so both these issues contributed but the engine was the most dominant," he added.

Justify if police officers' suspension was required: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Thursday said the State government would have to justify whether suspending the police officers in connection with the stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium was necessary or shifting them to another post would have been sufficient.

Govt.'s challenge

A Division Bench comprising Justice S.G. Pandit and Justice T.M. Nadaf made these oral observations during the hearing of an appeal filed by the government challenging the July 1 verdict of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), which had declared as illegal the suspension of Vikash Kumar Vikash, Additional Commissioner of Police (West), Bengaluru city.

The Bench made these observations when State Advocate-General Shashi Kiran Shetty requested the court to stay the order of the CAT while pointing out that Mr. Vikash Kumar had, after the CAT's verdict in his favour, gone to the office of the Additional Commissioner of Police (West) in uniform even though this post is now held by a different officer.

The A-G also said he would show from the records that the suspension order was justified while seeking time to present the records and commence argument.

Meanwhile, Senior Advocate Dhyan Chinnappa, appearing for Mr. Vikash Kumar, assured that the officer would not precipitate the matter by either filing a contempt petition or otherwise when the Bench asked him not to precipitate the matter.

CAT's view

"The action of suspending the police officers is not based on sufficient/substantial materials. At the time of passing of the aforesaid order, there was no convincing material to show the default or negligence of the police officers concerned, the CAT had said.

On the government's remark in the order of suspension that "despite the knowledge of these developments and expectation of huge turnout of cricket fans, the police officers did not take steps", the CAT said this remark "is not justified" as the government's orders setting up a 'magisterial inquiry' and a 'commission of inquiry' clearly point out that the inquiries were for "identification of persons responsible for lapses/deficiencies that led to the incident" as "it was not ascertained that who are responsible for the lapses and deficiencies".

DG&IGP's report

Besides, the CAT had also pointed out that the Director-General and Inspector-General of Police (DG&IGP) in his June 4 report to the State government had stated that "thousands of cricket fans had gathered in front of the Vidhana Soudha and near the Chinnaswamy stadium and the event was scheduled at a short notice, all possible bandobast arrangements were made immediately. However, due to the sudden rush of thousands of fans between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., a stampede broke outside the stadium."

Forest Department clears 300 acres of encroachment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Forest Department has cleared 300 acres of encroached land in the Muthugadahalli reserve forest in the Bukkapatna Chinkara Wildlife Sanctuary in Tiptur sub-division of Tumakuru district.

This includes 209 acres of forestland and also land given to the Horticulture Department by the Forest Department.

Given by Mysore kings

Environment Minister Eshwar B. Khandre on Thursday said that the Maharaja of Mysore had given the land in Survey No. 46 in Muthugadahalli Ambarpur to the Forest Department in 1926 under the Mysore Forest Act.

"However this forestland was illegally allotted to some people. Some others had encroached on it. A case had been registered in the High Court and an order was issued to save it as a forest," the Minister said.

Encroachments were cleared in the Muthugadahalli reserve forest in Tumakuru district. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A complaint was also filed with the Lokayukta after Revenue officials failed to cancel the illegal sanction.

Lokayukta's directive

The Minister said that as per the instructions of the Lokayukta, the land had been registered in the name of the Forest Department and the encroachment had been cleared. The encroachment drive was conducted under the supervision of the Chief Conservator of Forests of Hassan-Tumakuru division with the support of the police.

Asha Kirana vision centres launched

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Restructuring the Asha Kirana programme under the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment, the Health Department on Thursday launched 393 Asha Kirana vision centres in public health facilities across the State.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who inaugurated a vision centre at the BBMP Multi-Speciality Hospital in Govindarajanagar Assembly constituency in Bengaluru, termed Asha Kirana programme as the government's vision guarantee project.

The project is aimed at increasing awareness and access to eye health services, particularly targeting cataracts and uncorrected refractive errors – the two major causes of vision impairment in the country.

The programme was earlier carried out through doorstep screenings by Asha workers and field staff from the Health Department in a campaign mode.

UG-NEET rank list released

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The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) has released the NEET rank list and the marks obtained by 87,909 candidates who had mentioned Karnataka in their UG-NEET application and qualified for admission to medical courses.

The highest scorer in the State secured 670 marks and holds the first rank, while the lowest qualified candidate secured 113 marks.

The list, prepared by the Directorate of Medical Education, has been published on the KEA's website for public access, said KEA executive director H. Prasanna in a press release.

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ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 07, 12 ರಿಂದ 14ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 16–07–2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 07, 12 ರಿಂದ 14ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–07–2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 06, 08 ರಿಂದ 11 ಹಾಗೂ 15 ರಿಂದ 74ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 25–07–2025 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 06, 08 ರಿಂದ 11 ಹಾಗೂ 15 ರಿಂದ 74ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28–07–2025 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4:30 ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/369/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿಟಿ/2025–26

INBRIEF

Expert team may reach Kerala to repair grounded F-35B

An expert team from the U.K. is expected to arrive in Kerala, possibly this weekend, to inspect the grounded F-35B combat jet of the Royal Air Force (RAF). According to sources, the team will primarily explore three possibilities as part of repairing the aircraft and taking it back to the active service of the RAF. The team is expected to have members from Lockheed Martin apart from engineers from the U.K. At present, the aircraft is guarded by the RAF crew round the clock.

Woman killed as MCH building collapses in Kerala

A 52-year-old woman was killed and two others were injured when a portion of an old and dilapidated building at the Government Medical College Hospital (MCH) in Kottayam collapsed on Thursday. The deceased was identified as D. Bindu, a native resident of Thalayolaparambu in Kottayam. A portion of the 68-year-old building consisting of a bathroom complex attached to the 14th ward (Orthopaedics department) of the hospital collapsed by 10.30 a.m.

Naidu opens A.P.'s first Digital Nerve Centre in Kuppam

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday inaugurated the State's first-ever Digital Nerve Centre in Kuppam, the constituency he represents in the Legislative Assembly. The TATA MD Digi Nerve Centre, set up in collaboration with the Gates Foundation, will connect the Area Hospital with the 13 PHCs and 92 Village Health Centers. Inaugurating the facility, Mr. Naidu said it would set a benchmark and be a gamechanger in the health sector.

Siddaramaiah 'insulting' civil servants draws flak

Former Bengaluru Police Commissioner describes the Belagavi incident a 'big mistake' by CM

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

Three recent incidents of alleged "insult" meted out to senior civil servants in different circumstances by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah have come under public scrutiny.

Besides them, Mr. Siddaramaiah giving instructions "rudely" to senior civil servants at public functions has also not gone down well with many officials. They argue that it has lowered their morale.

Siddaramaiah raising his hand at Narayan Baramani at an event in Belagavi drew a lot of criticism. FILE PHOTO

The 'slap' incident

The most recent instances that have drawn ire were those of the Chief Minister "trying to slap" a police officer in Belagavi, publicly reprimanding Vijayanagara Deputy Commissioner M.S. Diwakar for sitting next to a seer on stage at an event in Hosapete, and blaming police officers for the stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Additional Superintendent of Police (Dharwad) Narayan Baramani's request for voluntary retirement from the police service citing "public humiliation" to him by Mr. Siddaramaiah during the Congress' event in Belagavi on April 28 has caused a major embarrassment to the Chief Minister.

Speaking to a private TV channel, Jyothi Prakash Mirji, former Bangalore Police Commissioner, termed it the "biggest mistake" by Mr. Siddaramaiah. The public conduct of the Chief Minister was not good and other politicians follow Mr. Siddaramaiah, he said. Incidentally, Mr. Baramani was persuaded to rejoin duty on Thursday.

'Not civilised action'

Commenting on these recent developments, a ruling party legislator said, "these are not civilised actions" of the Chief Minister and one "should not display power and arrogance in public events."

Some contrasted it with former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna's public conduct, saying he not only took civil servants into confidence but also ensured long tenure at postings in several departments.

Another action that drew criticism from former Bengaluru City Police Commissioners, Mr. Mirji, Bhaskar Rao, and N.S. Megharik, and historian Ramachandra Guha was the suspension of police officers for the stampede in the city.

The Central Administrative Tribunal quashing the suspension of Vikash Kumar Vikash, who as Additional Commissioner of Police (West) then, is seen as a setback for Mr. Siddaramaiah.

In January 2025, Mr. Siddaramaiah had sparked another controversy after he publicly reprimanded Vijayanagara Deputy Commissioner Mr. Diwakar for sitting next to a seer on the stage at an event in Hosapete.

The Chief Minister questioned the officer's presence by the side of the seer and instructed him to move, citing protocol concerns. The Chief Minister's instruction in a "rude" tone to the Deputy Commissioner faced criticism.

Seized by Opposition

These incidents have been seized by the Opposition to criticise the government. Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok hit out at Mr Siddaramaiah, saying that "the attempt to slap the police officer on the public stage has demoralised the police force".

He said it showed a Chief Minister "intoxicated by power and frustrated at leading a failed government".

He claimed that such incidents had "brought down the morale of the entire Police Department" and " hurt the self-confidence of the bureaucracy".

Baramani rejoins duty

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

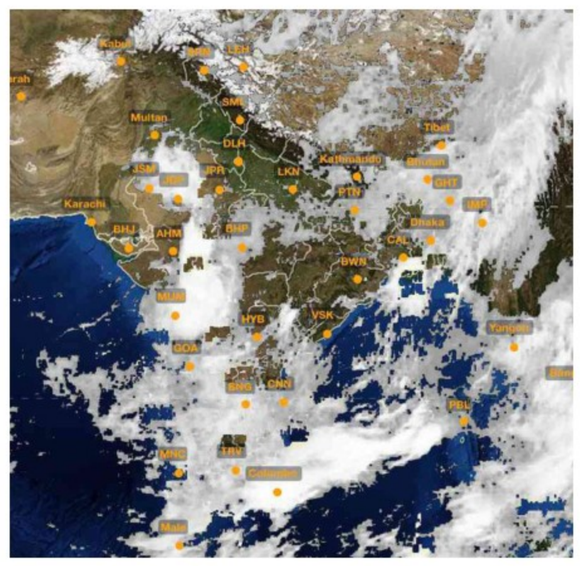
A day after he wrote a letter seeking voluntary retirement, Narayan Baramani, Additional Superintendent of Police, Dharwad, has joined duty. He was on leave for some time.

He told reporters in Dharwad on Thursday that the Chief Minister and Home Minister G. Parameshwara had spoken to him and asked him to join duty. To a query on what would happen to his letter seeking voluntary retirement, he said the State government would decide on it.

Dr. Parameshwara had told reporters in Bengaluru on Wednesday that the State government would not accept his request for voluntary retirement, and would instead give him a posting.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Odisha, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	2	32.6	26.2	Kozhikode	34	31.0	23.2
Ahmedabad	4	31.8	25.3	Kurnool	11	33.5	23.4
Aizawl	2.8	33.1	21.4	Lucknow	2.3	35.4	27.2
Allahabad	15	35.2	26.0	Madurai	—	37.9	26.6
Bengaluru	0.6	28.1	20.6	Mangaluru	62	26.6	22.5
Bhopal	5	31.5	23.6	Mumbai	31.2	31.5	25.4
Bhubaneswar	34.2	33.4	25.3	Mysuru	—	27.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	34.7	27.8	New Delhi	1	36.9	27.7
Chennai	21	34.1	25.7	Patna	2	34.2	28.0
Coimbatore	0.1	31.0	22.2	Port Blair	7	29.3	25.7
Dehradun	—	32.1	25.0	Puducherry	—	34.2	27.4
Gangtok	11	21.9	17.9	Pune	5.2	29.6	24.1
Goa	155	27.0	22.8	Raipur	9	27.9	24.8
Guwahati	20	34.0	25.6	Ranchi	7	29.3	23.4
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	2	24.5	18.2
Hyderabad	4	31.2	23.2	Shimla	26	26.0	20.4
Imphal	—	30.3	25.7	Srinagar	—	34.0	21.0
Jaipur	13	33.9	25.6	Thiruvananthapuram	0.2	32.5	23.6
Kochi	39	29.2	23.6	Tiruchi	—	36.7	27.6
Kohima	5	23.0	18.8	Vijayawada	1	32.8	25.4
Kolkata	1	35.0	27.2	Visakhapatnam	5	28.4	25.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	..32	40	... 144	91	
Bengaluru	.10	..46	66	..... —	91	
Chennai	...7	..44	31	 36	51	
Delhi	.10	..30	37	 51	...118	
Hyderabad	...5	8	76	 83	89	
Kolkata	.10	..42	27	 35	36	
Lucknow	.66	..12	13	 76	57	
Mumbai	.38	..16	43	 22	64	
Pune	..—	..55	53	 31	51	
Visakhapatnam	.22	..68	61	 46	74	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Dholpur, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 234 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 6

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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Tender No. D1/ 50474 /2025

E-tender under two bid systems (Technical bid and Price bid) is invited from manufacturers / suppliers for the supply of the Instrument / Equipment upto **11 A.M. on 11.08.2025.**

2) Technical, Commercial terms, **Earnest Money Deposit** at a **fixed rate**, Catalogues, Pamphlets, Specifications and tender documents as **Technical bid** and cost of the equipment as **Price bid**, duly filled, signed are to be uploaded towards the items floated in the tender.

3) Name of the Instrument / Equipment given in Schedule XI of the tender document.

4) EMD details given in page number 7 of the tender document.

5) Tender documents can be downloaded **04.07.2025** onwards from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in**

6) Tender will be opened on **11.08.2025** at **3.00 p.m.** by the Directorate of Forensic Sciences Department.

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NO: DPAR-ADM1/7/2023DIR-EDCS(e-1257754) Date:04.07.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

PROCUREMENT OF HP DESKTOP/LAPTOP/WORK STATION TO DIRECTORATE OF EDCS.

Tender has been invited for providing Laptop/Desktop/Work station for the office Directorate of EDCS. Tender details can be obtained on the e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Tender No: DPAR-ADM1/7/2023-DIR - EDCS (1257754). The last date for submission of bids: **05.08.2025 up to 5.00PM.**

Sd/-
Director, Directorate of EDCS

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It is brought to the public notice that our client has negogiated and are in process of purchasing the lands situated at **Chagalatti Village, Jala Hobli, Yalahanka Taluk,** which are more fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property from its owners.

Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase in any manner whatsoever or having any right in the Schedule Properties may lodge their objection/s and /or claims with the under signed along with the supporting documentary evidence with in **Fifteen days** from the date of publication, and objections and /or claims received thereafter will not be entertained and binding on my client and my client will proceed to complete the Sale process of the Schedule Properties deeming that there is /are no claim/s or objection/s to the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Sl. No.	Survey No	Extent	EAST	WEST	NORTH	SOUTH
1.	60	04 A 17 G	Village Boundary	Sy.No.61	Sy.No.58 & 58	Road
2.	61	04 A 24 G	Sy.No. 60	Road	Sy.No.58	Road & Sy.No.62 & 63

M/s. Jury Legal Solutions, Advocates & Consultants,
No. 8, 14th Main 14th Cross, HSR Layout, 4th Sector, Bangalore-560102.
Ph: 9663389142 / 9900034943 / 9844897355 / 9902195500

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Bid No. E-17/2025-2026 **Date: 28.06.2025**

E-TENDERS

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India, for the supply of following items. **S.No., Tender No., (Due Date), Description of Item, Part No. and Quantity. 1.** 06251752A, 21/07/2025, Complete Panel ACD for WAP-7, 29178150, 598 Nos. **2.** 06251881, 26/08/2025, LED Based Flasher Light, 29612937, 1339 Set. **3.** 06251049, 23/07/2025, IP Based Video Surveillance System, 29500308, 939 Set. **4.** 06250009C, 28/08/2025, Complete Control Cubicle SB-2, 29178174, 220 Set **5.** 06251077, 04/09/2025, Complete Control Cubicles SB-1, 29171209, 396 Set **6.** 06251078, 11/09/2025, Complete Control Cubicle SB-2, 29171210, 403 Set **7.** 06251845, 26/08/2025, Load Resistor to Primary Voltage Transformer, 29650010, 640 Nos. **8.** 06250187, 18/09/2025, High Reach Pantograph, 29880014, 303 Nos. **9.** 01251250, 03/07/2025, SET OF NON METALIC PIPE, 29230020, 697 Set **10.** 10251082A, 28/07/2025, Plug Asm 16 PT, 16340139, 313 Nos. **11.** 10251053, 30/07/2025, Piston Ring Set(Modified Design Low Lube Oil), 16030977, 1600 Set **NOTE:** For complete details of EMD and downloading of Tender Documents, Please Visit Website: **www.ireps.gov.in CORRIGENDUM NOTICE :- 12. Bid No. Inv. No.:** E-11/2025-26, dated 05.06.2025 **Tender No.** 07251013 **Revised Clause** Due Date Existing 30.06.2025 Revised Due Date 07.07.2025 **13. Bid No.** E-11/2025-26 **Tender No.** 04251011 **Due Date** 02.07.2025 **Revision** 1 **Detail of Correction** Due date: To be read as **10/07/2025** instead of **02/07/2025 14. Bid No.** E-11/2025-26 **Tender No.**04251090 **Due Date** 30.06.2025 **Revision** 1 **Detail of Correction** Due date: To be read as **31/07/2025** instead of **30/06/2025**, **15. Tender No.** E-11/2025-26 **Tender No.** 04251022, **Due Date** 02.07.2025 **Revision** 1 **Detail of Correction** Due date: To be read as **10/07/2025** instead of **02/07/2025 16. Bid No.** E-11/2025-26 **Tender No.** 04251020 **Due date** 02.07.2025 **Revision** 1 **Detail of Correction** Due date: To be read as **10/07/2025** instead of **02/07/2025** . **Note:** All other term and conditions of the tender will remain unchanged and **Note:-** For Details of EMD and downloading of tender documents, please visit Website: **www.ireps.gov**

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The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka, constituted by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India, vide its letter No. **SEIAA 67 CON 2025** dated: 28-04-2025 has accorded Environmental Clearance to **M/s APG Community Development Private Limited** for Development of Residential Apartments with Club House Project at Sy. No. 5/4 (Old.No.5/2),5/5, 173/1, 173/2, 175, 176, 177/1, 177/2, 178, 179/1. 179/2, 180/1, 180/2, 180/3, 187/1,203 of Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban, and 5/1 (Old No. - 5), 6,7,8/1, 8/4, 8/5 Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru

Copy of the Clearance letter is available with the SEIAA office and may also be seen on the website of the MOEF & CC at **https://parivesh.nic.in** This Public Notice is issued in compliance with the conditions laid down in the above Environmental Clearance.

Sd/-

Joint Director Office,
Social Welfare Department Chitradurga
Govt Science College opp. B.D.Road Chitradurga 577501
Ph No: 08194-295954 e-mail : ddswdcta@gmail.com

No: JD/SWD/CTA/O.S.Ten/CR-01/2025-26 Date: 01-07-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Chitradurga District, Social Welfare Department, Tribal Welfare Department and Minority Welfare Department Office, Student Hostel and Morarji Desai/ Kittur Rani Chennamma/ Atal Bihari Vajpayee/ Dr.||B.R. Ambedkar/ Smt. Indira Gandhi Residential Schools to fill the vacant posts of Group 'C' and 'D' cadres a tender has been invited at the district level through e-procurement for the year 2025-26 to procure the materials through an external resource agency. The details of the said tender are as follows.

1) Tender Number: SWD/2025-26/SE0189 Date: 01-07-2025
2) Tender Estimated Amount: 17,69,40,000/-
3) Tender Form Uploading Starting Date: 01-07-2025
4) Tender Form Uploading Last Date: 30-07-2025 / 5.00 pm
5) Tender Technical Bid Opening Date: 01-08-2025 / 11.00 pm
6) Tender Financial Bid Opening Date: 07-08-2025 / 11.00 pm
7) Tender EMD Amount Rs. 35,38,000/-

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/187/2025-26 **Sd/- Joint Director**
Social Welfare Department, Chitradurga

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E-Auction Sale of Properties on 22.07.2025

Last date of EMD : 21.07.2025

ARM-1 Branch, 2nd Floor, No.86, Spencer Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080-25310066. E-mail: cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 22.07.2025 from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale],** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance (https://baanknet.com/) e- mail: support.ebkray@psballiance.com Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of **E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **21.07.2025 - 4.00 pm.** **(₹. in lakhs)**

Lot No	Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets:	Total Dues	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection date & time
1	**Mr. Mallesh Kumar S,** C/O Ramappa, No. 1 2, Puttenahalli Banaglore - 560078	Flat bearing No. 102, 1st Floor, "NEHA SADAN" apartment, located in property bearing site No. 7, Old Khata No. 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No. 730/253/254/11/7, Sy.No. 11, situated at Singasandra village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South - 560068	**Rs. 90,12,078.13 plus further interest thereon from 01.07.2025**	**a) ₹. 49.92 b) ₹. 4.992 c) ₹.1.00**	**14.07.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**
2	**(1) Santhosh Kumar N** C/o Nagaraj M, No. 44, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, 6th Cross, Escort Layout, Attur Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore- 560064 **(2) R Seema Jayalakshmi** No. 42 Ambhabhavani Temple Road, Chikkadinne, Attur Layout, Bangalore- 560064	Residential Flat No SF-3, Second Floor, "ARIHANT MSR NEEPA", Site No. 34 & 41, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore-560078, **bounded by : for Site No. 34,** East : Site No. 41 & 42, West : Road, North : Site No. 33, South : Site No. 36 **for Site No. 41** : East : Road, West : Plot No. 34 & 35, North : Plot No.40, South : Plot No. 33	**Rs. 83,59,683.76/- plus further interest thereon from 01.07.2025**	**a) ₹. 49.75 b) ₹. 4.975 c) ₹.1.00**	**14.07.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**
3	**(1) Mr. Umesh Gowda** S/o Ramanppa, # 94, Sonnenahalli, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560056 **(2) Mrs.Lakshmidevi.T,** W/o Umesh .R, #94, Maruthi Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560056	Apartment bearing Flat No. 205 at 2nd floor, of the building known as "NEHA SADAN", located in Site bearing No.7, Old Khata No: 193, Present BBMP New Municipal No: 730/253/254/11/7, Sy.No.11, situated at Singasandra village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560068	**Rs. 78,23,138.02 plus further interest thereon from 01.07.2025**	**a) ₹. 38.91 b) ₹. 3.891 c) ₹.1.00**	**14.07.2025 10.00 AM to 2.00 PM. with Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.8598009010, 9966397756,8949226557 and 9039609346 during office hours on any working day.

Date : 02.07.2025
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

Karnataka Public works Department.
Tumkur Division, Karnataka Telephone: 0816-2272479,
No;EE/KPWD/Tmk/JE.2/T.No.10/2025-26 Dt: 27.06.2025

Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW-2&4
E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-4 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 02 work under 8443 Deposit Contribution and 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements Head of account in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through KPPP-Portal (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in). The dates are published as below.

(Max Amount Put to Tender Rs.159.78 Lakhs & Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.24.59 Lakhs, Max EMD Amount Rs.2,39,673/- & Min EMD Amount Rs.50,000/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries : 14-07-2025:17.30. 2. Last date for submission of tender: 15-07-2025: 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid: 16-07-2025 : 16.30. 4. Date of opening the Financial bid: 17-07-2025 : 16.00. Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered. Here after Changes with Refference to This Notification will be Notified in E-Portal Only

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.

DIPR/TUM/175/KSMCA/2025-26

Careful curation

Bihar's electoral roll revision risks excluding short-term migrant voters

Bihar's ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by the Election Commission of India (ECI) has drawn criticism from political parties, and rightly so. The enormity of the task, the short duration, and the strict criteria for verification could result in the wrongful exclusion of lakhs of voters. The ECI's statement that only ordinary residents would qualify for inclusion in the electoral roll has raised concerns, particularly among Opposition parties. Critics argue that it would be difficult for migrant voters – an estimated 20% of Bihar's voting population – to be present for verification during the window that ends on July 31, and creates a high probability that they could be struck off the rolls. The Representation of the People Act, 1950 states that "A person absenting himself temporarily from his place of ordinary residence shall not by reason thereof cease to be ordinarily resident therein", and manuals on electoral rolls add that such people will be treated as ordinary residents as long as they possess the ability and intention to return. This means that there must be caution in removing the names of migrants, especially those who are away from their place of residence for a short period.

The issue becomes more complicated with long-term migrants. In Bihar's case, there is a significant section of the voting-age population, especially males, migrating for work. This becomes evident when parsing voting data from the 2024 general election in the State, revealing a unique electoral dynamic. Bihar is a State where more women turned out to vote than men in absolute numbers (for every 1,000 men there were 1,017.5 women), even though there were more registered male electors on the rolls (for every 1,000 men, there were only 917.5 women). This electoral dynamic was observed in Jharkhand, and to a lesser extent in Himachal Pradesh, but nowhere was the difference starker than in Bihar. There is good reason to believe that many of the absentee male electors were registered in their home constituencies in Bihar but were unable to return on polling day, drastically lowering the overall turnout rate for men. These electors were likely part of a large migrant cohort that included many longer-term migrants. The SIR must carefully parse such electors and ensure that only longer-term migrants are removed from the rolls – not an easy task. For longer-term migrants, meaningful representation requires their vote to be registered where they currently reside and work. Migrant workers are integral to the economic engines of several States, and their political voice should be more impactful in holding representatives accountable for their everyday challenges there, rather than in their native places. The ECI's SIR must balance these principles. Ideally, such a process should take more time than the one month that the ECI has allocated for it.

Murder most foul

Policemen resort to violence to extract 'confession' on mere suspicion

Nearly 15 years after the Supreme Court of India described custodial torture and deaths as the most heinous crime committed by men in uniform, brutal third-degree treatment of suspects remains a chilling reality. Emboldened policemen, with contempt for procedure, show no hesitation in resorting to violence, not just within but also outside police stations. In Tamil Nadu, the recent death of a young man, Ajith Kumar, who was detained and tortured by a special police team, in plain clothes, for alleged theft in Sivaganga district, underscores the deeply ingrained authoritarian and intimidating nature of the police force. The impunity with which he was detained, without a formal complaint or the registration of a First Information Report, illustrates just how normalised such disturbing behaviour has become in policing. Under the direction of the Manamadurai Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Ajith Kumar was taken by the team to several secluded spots and subject to lathi blows to force him into confessing to have committed the theft – a woman visiting a temple in Madapuram had asked him to park her car; she later claimed that jewellery in the car was missing. Ajith collapsed under the brutality and the theft remains unproven. Justice S.M. Subramanian of the Madras High Court (Madurai Bench) aptly said, "It is almost police-organised crime... Very crudely, we have to say it is the state killing its own citizen."

Most victims are from oppressed backgrounds, making them easy targets. In this case, attempts at a cover-up failed due to protests and political outrage. With the custodial murder of a father and son in Sattankulam during the COVID-19 pandemic still fresh in public memory, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin wasted no time in damage control. Seven policemen, including the DSP were suspended; later, five were arrested. The case was transferred to the CBI. Mindful of a political fallout, with the Assembly elections nine months away, Mr. Stalin apologised to the victim's mother. Solatium was offered, including a cooperative society job to his brother, and a housing plot to the family. Mr. Stalin said that such incidents are "unforgivable" and "unjustifiable" – views he has not aired in suspected custodial death cases in the past four years. However, these measures alone will not bring closure to the families. As directed by the High Court, he must ensure there is action against senior police officers, if their involvement is proven. A fast track trial is needed. It is time for the law-keepers to fall in line and for such killings to end.

Socialism, secularism are the spirit of the Constitution

M.A. Baby

is the General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist)

India's Constitution is not merely a legal document. It is the embodiment of the ideals and the aspirations of a nation that was forged in the crucible of an anti-colonial struggle. Among its most fundamental principles are socialism and secularism, values that are not confined to the Preamble alone but which are woven throughout its text, reflected in the Directive Principles of State Policy, in the Fundamental Rights, and in its very structure. Recent calls by the leadership of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leadership to remove the words socialism and secularism from the Preamble are not just an attack on semantics but is also a direct assault on the foundational vision of the Indian republic itself.

The RSS General Secretary made this call recently under the garb of criticising the Emergency, which happened 50 years ago, as the words socialism and secularism were added in the Preamble under the Constitution (42nd Amendment) Act, 1976 during the Emergency. It is a deceitful move by the RSS to invoke the Emergency in order to discredit these principles, especially when it colluded with the Indira Gandhi government during that time for its own survival. To use that event in history to now undermine the Constitution reflects the RSS's hypocrisy and opportunism.

Reflected in the Preamble and beyond

Socialism, in the Indian Constitution, is a commitment to social and economic justice, the eradication of inequality, and the creation of a welfare state. The Preamble promises "Justice, social, economic and political" to all citizens, and seeks "Equality of status and of opportunity". It underlines the fact that even before the 42nd Amendment, the spirit of socialism was always present in our Constitution.

There were significant efforts in the Indian Constitution to increase the freedoms of citizens and to reduce the inequalities prevalent in society. The Fundamental Rights were major steps in that direction. Article 14 guarantees equality before law. Article 15 prohibits discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth. Article 16 ensures equality of opportunity in matters of public employment. These rights, read together with the Preamble and Directive Principles, enshrine a vision of a society free from exploitation, where the dignity of every individual is upheld.

> The call to erase 'socialism' and 'secularism' from the Constitution is a calculated move to have an oppressive majoritarian state

The Directive Principles of State Policy have the clearest articulation of the socialist vision, in the Indian Constitution. Articles 38 and 39 clearly lay it out, and is further explained in Articles 41, 42 and 43. These provisions are not just aspirational; they have guided landmark legislation and judicial interpretation in India.

Secularism in the Indian Constitution is not mere religious neutrality but the positive assurance that the state will treat all religions equally, protect the rights of minorities, and ensure that no citizen suffers discrimination on the basis of faith. The original text of the Preamble, even before the addition of the word secular in 1976, had already promised "Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship" and "Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual...".

Under Fundamental Rights, Articles 25 to 28 provide the Right to Freedom of Religion and further underscore the secular nature of the Indian Republic. Articles 29 and 30, on Cultural and Educational Rights, too reiterate this. These articles ensure that the state neither identifies with nor privileges any religion, and that every citizen, regardless of faith, enjoys equal rights and protections. Even the Supreme Court of India has repeatedly affirmed that secularism is part of the Constitution's 'basic structure'.

The Basic Structure Doctrine was introduced in 1973 in the Supreme Court's landmark judgment in *Kesavananda Bharati*. It holds that while Parliament can amend the Constitution, it cannot alter its fundamental structure, i.e., the basic structure of the Constitution is inviolable. As mentioned earlier, the 42nd Amendment which introduced the words socialism and secularism in the Preamble of the Constitution was enacted in 1976, three years after this historic verdict. Yet, the additions could be made precisely because they did not violate the basic structure of the Constitution.

Inseparable from the Constitution's fabric

It is a fallacy to claim that socialism and secularism in the Preamble of the Constitution are mere 'additions' or 'impositions' from the 1970s. The Objective Resolution of the Constituent Assembly, the Constituent Assembly debates themselves and the lived experience of India's glorious anti-colonial freedom struggle all testify that these values were central to the vision of the Republic's founders.

The Constitution's commitment to social and economic justice, equality, and fraternity is inherently socialist. Its guarantee of religious liberty, non-discrimination and minority rights is inherently secular. Even if the words socialist and secular (the word secular was there in Article 25(2)(a) even before the 42nd Amendment) were to be removed from the Preamble, the Constitution's core philosophy, structure and provisions would remain unchanged in their essence.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's final speech to the Constituent Assembly on November 25, 1949, offers profound insights that reinforce the argument that the notion of equality (which forms the foundation of the ideas of socialism and secularism) is embedded in the Constitution's spirit and structure. B.R. Ambedkar's words remain a guiding light against any attempt to dilute these foundational values.

The real agenda has been exposed

The RSS's demand to remove socialism and secularism from the Preamble of the Constitution is a calculated move to undermine the very foundations of the Indian Republic. It exposes its long-standing agenda to replace the Constitution with a veiled Manusmriti, subvert the secular democratic republic of India, and create a theocratic Hindu Rashtra. The attempt to erase socialism and secularism from the Preamble is an attempt to rewrite history, to delegitimise the legacy of India's anti-colonial freedom struggle, and to pave the way for an oppressive majoritarian state.

The Constitution of India is a living document that is designed to secure justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity for all. Socialism and secularism are the pillars on which the edifice of the Indian Republic stands. To attack them is to attack the very soul of India's democracy. All those who cherish the values of the freedom struggle – a struggle that the RSS was not part of – must stand united in defence of the lofty values of the Constitution, and resist any attempt to destroy the idea of India.

Opening new doors for Parliament's library service

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In recent years, disruptions have been the hallmark of parliamentary proceedings in India. It is almost easy to forget that Parliament is not just a seat of politics. It is where policy is made and autopsied and the government is held accountable by people chosen to do so.

Legislating on complex and diverse issues, from economic reforms and climate change to national security and emerging technologies is a daunting task. The key is to have access to world-class research and referral services. The Parliament library is one of the best in the country. Its services are used by research scholars, but only a handful of Members of Parliament (MP) use it, say MPs past and present.

The Parliament Library and Reference, Research, Documentation and Information Service (LARRDIS) is prompt and efficient – an MP recalled how his online query about the speeches made by another MP during his 15-year parliamentary tenure led to all of them being sent to his email inbox within three days. Inputs, however, are limited to what is contained in its now entirely digitised volumes. "It is not a research organisation or an academic institution," was how one MP described the role of LARRDIS. But this gap is now filled by organisations such as PRS Legislative Research with its Legislative Assistants to Members of Parliament (LAMP) fellowships.

Of the 800 or so MPs in Parliament, at any given point, only between 40 to 50 MPs have a LAMP fellow. Lauded for its immense value addition and effectiveness, LAMP nevertheless has finite resources – fellows spend a short time with MPs. Therefore, many MPs rely on political aides or external consultants for research. With House discussions devolving increasingly into political combats, many political parties also supply their MPs with talking points. This means that inputs to MP offices can be partisan or lacking in expertise or facts, resulting in debates that may lack analytical depth.

The good, the bad and the ugly of LARRDIS

While LARRDIS has been active in digitising parliamentary records such as creating PDF archives of Lok Sabha proceedings, committee reports, and rare books (even introducing a service in 2023 to share articles written by MPs with others), its services are predominantly reactive. MPs must submit requisitions either in person or online.

> Developing LARRDIS into a research hub will enrich India's legislative processes

The volume of requests by MPs for information surged from 150 in 1950 to over 8,000 in 2019. Yet, LARRDIS operates largely in a silo, with minimal partnerships with universities, think tanks, or consulting firms. This isolation limits its ability to provide proactive, anticipatory policy analysis and predict trends. It has also limited in-house research capacity.

To meet the evolving demands of Indian democracy, there is a need for LARRDIS to evolve into an agile, forward looking, and inclusive research hub, making the best use of some of the premier academic institutes in the country. It will enrich India's legislative process.

Other parliamentary research services

Established parliamentary democracies have dedicated research units that provide lawmakers with authoritative, objective, and timely information. According to the Guidelines for Parliamentary Research Services by the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), a holistic research function within the system ensures confidentiality, neutrality and institutional memory.

The European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) collaborates with think tanks, academic partners, and other parliamentary services to build a diverse knowledge repository. It maintains an accessible website housing reports and policy digests. The EPRS tracks global trends affecting the European Union (EU), provides initial appraisals of European Commission impact assessments, and produces "Cost of Non-Europe" reports assessing benefits of EU-level common action.

Argentina's Scientific Office for Legislative Advice (OCAL) informs Parliament about scientific and technological options by collaborating with external institutions, conducts studies on social challenges, connects legislators with scientists and citizens, and runs training programmes. France's Parliamentary Office for Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Options (OPECST) and Mexico's Office for Information of Science and Technology for the Congress of the Union (INCyTU) serve similar roles.

LARRDIS could emulate this proactive 360-degree approach. Partnerships with academic institutions for policy-relevant studies to address complex and emerging issues such as Artificial Intelligence governance or climate change can be one option.

The IPU highlights such collaborations in countries such as Benin (Africa) and Colombia (South America), where embedding scholars co-author technical papers for enhanced research quality. Egypt attaches groups of specialists and research fellows to parliamentary committees. Sweden has the Association of MPs and Researchers (RIFO), for facilitating dialogue between lawmakers and researchers.

Building an institutional asset

A phased and consultative approach that is aligned with global best practices would be the ideal route for restructuring LARRDIS. LARRDIS's mandate, eligible users (MPs, citizens), turnaround timelines, and confidentiality protocols need to be delineated. Talent from think tanks, academic institutions, consulting agencies, and experts from organisations such as the World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, and the United Nations Development Programme can add depth to its work.

This is not merely an administrative reform. It is an investment in the quality of lawmaking, accountability, and governance. For a complex country such as India, the cost of misinformed policy can be staggering. A state-of-the-art research service would bridge the information asymmetry between legislature and executive, enhance the quality of debates, and strengthen the trust of citizens in parliamentary processes.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A danger to democracy

It is deeply shocking that the 'Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls' in poll-bound Bihar is set to disenfranchise a significant percentage of voters. This massive planned pruning raises serious doubts about the intent behind the SIR. When such large-scale deletions occur without due diligence or public awareness, democracy stands threatened. Therefore, the Election Commission of India is duty bound to explain to the nation whether the SIR is a transparent cleanup or a clean-out of voters.

P.H. Hema Sagar,
Secunderabad

The 'Tibet test'

For New Delhi, it is time for a test — this time, it's the Tibet test ('World' page, July 3). With the 14th Dalai Lama explicitly asserting that his successor will be "decided by a trust, [and] not the Chinese government", this represents yet another strategic challenge, wherein New Delhi morally needs to back the "honoured guest". On the other hand, such a stance may come at a strategic cost for already tricky India-China relations. The deftness with which India walks this tightrope without making compromises on strategic autonomy will determine how much India scores in the Tibet test.

Nishat,
New Delhi

Palliative care model

I write this letter as a retired professor after reading the article, "Integrating compassion, prioritising palliative care" (Editorial page, July 3). Pallium India, Trivandrum has been successfully undertaking palliative care in India. In the family structure of the aged, having friendly carers at home remains a critical part in good palliative care. The plight of the lonely aged is what is cause for concern. Between old-age homes and family-based care, India needs mid-level aged care homes such as 'Pahal Veedu' (day care centre) for the aged. Models such as the one in Thrissur, Kerala, can be replicated across India.

Dr. M.P. Boraian,
Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

A sentence in an article, "Using tech to empower women and children" ('Opinion page', July 2, 2025), should have read: "The Maternal Mortality Rate has declined to 97 per *1,00,000* births (2018-20) from 130 per *1,00,000* births (2014-16)." In both instances, it was not *1,000* births, as published.

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Rabies vaccine shortage

I am writing this letter to express concern over the shortage of anti-rabies vaccines in Chennai's health centres. With rising cases of dog bites and the potential risk of rabies, there cannot be delays in treatment in the event of being bitten. There also needs to be public awareness campaigns on post-bite measures.

Swetha V.,
Chennai

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Is U.S. imperialism a threat to the world?

PARLEY

Prakash Karat

Former General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist)

Happymon Jacob

Founder-director of the Council for Strategic and Defense Research

During the 12-day war between Israel and Iran, the U.S. struck three nuclear facilities in Iran in violation of international laws. This unprovoked strike is the latest in a series of unilateral military interventions by the U.S. across the world, including the illegal occupation of Iraq under the pretext of possible weapons of mass destruction, and the occupation of Afghanistan. Is U.S. imperialism a threat to the world? Prakash Karat and Happymon Jacob discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Vighnesh P. Venkitesh**. Edited excerpts:

Is the U.S. pushing its imperialist agenda especially after President Donald Trump's return to the White House? If so, how?

Prakash Karat: Yes. The background to this effort by President Trump is the decline in U.S. hegemony and the crisis of neoliberalism which has affected the U.S. and the world. With his 'America First' policy, Mr. Trump is squeezing even his allies. He is trying to revive the U.S.'s dominance and hegemony, which is important for him.

Happymon Jacob: American hegemony has been under challenge for some time. The U.S., the world's sole superpower, has in the past and is today engaged in aggressive military behaviour against regimes that it has issues with. It has violated the international order and international laws that it helped create in 1945. But it is behaving like any country that accumulates too much power. It is pursuing what it believes are its interests, because it has the power to do so. I am not condoning this; I'm simply saying this is how hegemons behave. In some ways, the Trump administration's use of power is not even well calculated towards an end; it is just random and reckless.

Do you think the U.S.'s dominance is threatened by China's advances in areas such as renewables and electronics?

PK: The corollary to the decline in U.S. power is the rise of China – its economic power, technological progress, and global political influence. The effort that Mr. Trump is making now did not start with him. During the Obama and Biden presidency, too, the U.S. was focused dealing with this strategic threat from China. So the U.S. definitely sees China's rise as a threat.

HJ: There has been a structural decline in American power. The U.S. is a $30 trillion economy and China is a $20 trillion economy. No other country is close to either of these two in some ways. So, the U.S. is certainly rattled by China's rise and the decline of its own power internationally. There is a structured rivalry or a new Cold War that is brewing. But having said that, let me also argue that if tomorrow there is a consensus between the U.S. and China about how two great powers must behave internationally, that will create difficulties for other rising powers such as India.

U.S. President Donald Trump delivers an address to the nation after the U.S. struck Iran's nuclear facilities. He is accompanied by Vice President J.D. Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. REUTERS

PK: For the American ruling class, dealing with the China threat will become the central focus again. The opening salvo was the tariff war. The U.S. finds it difficult to pursue that because China stands firm and does not succumb to tariff threats. I think the Trump administration will start shifting focus to the Asia Pacific region. The rivalry between the U.S. and China will become one of the key features in the coming days. The rise of China is the only alternative pole, and the U.S. will try to continue to do something to contain China.

How will a bipolar or a multipolar global order fare for other rising regional powers?

HJ: The problem with having two poles – the U.S.-led pole and the China-led pole – is that rising powers such as India, Brazil, and South Africa tend to have less agency. What is probably more useful is a multipolar world order with more consensus-building and conversations, and where the United Nations is not overruled by countries with more power. While great power consensus is a problem for countries such as India, great power competition is also going to be a problem for us. It is not an easy choice for us and it is going to be more contested and more chaotic as the years go by.

PK: What is good for India would be growing multipolarity and us playing a role within that. But the reality is that India has got more aligned with the U.S. through the Quad and other economic and defence ties. If we had been able to have a more independent foreign policy and retain strategic autonomy, we would have been able to take full advantage of this growing multipolarity. But after the U.S. bombed Iran, India refused to condemn the attacks, which

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were against international law. India also distanced itself from a statement from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) condemning Israel's attack on Iran. We are clearly getting aligned with the U.S. and Israel. We are not in a position to take advantage of the growing multipolarity in the world today.

HJ: In terms of security, India has China as a neighbour. China has territorial claims vis-a-vis India and we have had conflicts with China in the past. If we have a challenge next door, we need friends and that could be Russia, the U.S., France. If we do not have friends, our ability to meet our security needs will be susceptible.

At the end of the day, in an anarchic international system, states have to look after their own security. If we are convinced that the Global South, the SCO, or the BRICS countries are going to support us diplomatically and politically when we are in trouble with another country, we are going to sort of support them. During the recent Pahalgam attack and the stand-off with Pakistan, not too many countries stood by India. Some say that is because India is too multi-aligned. Israel appears to have stood by India then. This is not to condone Israel's excesses and the killing of innocent civilians in Gaza as well as its attack on Iran, but at the end of the day, the question we should ask is, who is going to stand by us when there is trouble in our own neighborhood.

PK: That's a valid concern. But despite India having such close ties with the U.S., Mr. Trump said after the Pahalgam incident and the conflict with Pakistan that the U.S. had intervened to settle matters. The U.S. will start treating us like an ally in the way it has always had Pakistan as an ally. This is one of the risks that we take by aligning ourselves with the geopolitical interests of the U.S. in Asia. India has become a member of Quad. If Quad becomes a security alliance, India's capacity or opportunities in a multipolar world will shrink.

Will India's efforts to be non-aligned affect the role of BRICS and other groupings in challenging the U.S. imperialist agenda?

HJ: There should first be a prioritisation of interests first. In an anarchic international system, the priority is the security of a country. The SCO is a China-dominated entity in some ways, and India and China are not the best of friends. BRICS has expanded to such an extent that the countries within it don't agree with one another on most issues. While I am all for multiple groupings in the international system that can offset and balance unipolarity and hegemony, I'm also concerned about jumping on the bandwagon of too many of these, which may not necessarily lead to anything.

PK: I agree that the SCO is not a regional body which will be of great use to us, but it is also something which we cannot opt out of because of Pakistan. BRICS shows that there is a potential for the countries of the Global South to get on a collective forum and articulate their interests, notwithstanding the fact that many of them may not have commonality of interest in all issues. When we are a part of BRICS, and a country in the BRICS is subjected to aggression, we should at least take a stand and say 'no, we are against this'. We can't say we are neutral. If we want to really make these forums represent the minimum interests of the countries of the Global South, then we should be able to take a stand at least regarding attacks on territorial sovereignty. When we have a strategic alignment with one of the big powers, our claim of being a spokesperson for the Global South gets completely undermined. India's strategic ties with the U.S. hampers the great potential and the role we can play in a multipolar world.

What role will the Global South play in the future, especially with Mr. Trump's agenda?

PK: Whether it is the reciprocal tariffs or the trade war that Mr. Trump is launching, the real victims are going to be the countries of the Global South. Most of them are going to be really badly affected. Their economies are going to suffer. There will be loss of jobs and serious financial problems. In the coming days, India should be part of the mainstream Global South resistance which, I'm sure, will develop. India must be able to work out a clear strategy to be part of the mainstream Global South, whether it's the debt crisis, trade imbalances, or climate change, as all these things are going to get aggravated due to the policies being adopted by the Trump administration.

HJ: In an age where we have multilateralism failing, we need alternatives. Minilateralisms and alternatives like the Global South have a responsibility to come together, talk about the issues that much of the humanity faces, and do something about it. The failure of multilateralism is another reason why the Global South must survive.

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NOTEBOOK

Access, the greatest asset of a reporter

The life of a credible reporter involves a constant balance between garnering access and maintaining the credibility of our byline

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan

If a reporter's currency is their byline, their greatest asset is access – whether to leaders in corporate India, to officials within the government, to actors, or to sportspersons. However, access is a complicated thing. It involves building trust and establishing contacts over the years. It is equally shaped by how a reporter and the organisation they work for are perceived.

After a stint in a smaller, digital-only media platform, I returned to *The Hindu* recently. The difference in access is stark. Back then, I would struggle to chase after companies, big or small; and I would have to cajole them to comment on a news development. Sometimes they would give me interviews, but more often than not, they would ignore me for days.

The same thing happened with government officials. As I enjoyed a personal rapport with some of them, they were open to having conversations. But those who did not know me did not care.

Now, the situation is different. The same companies I had hounded, and the several others that I did not, seem all too eager to organise 'relationship building meetings'. For every data release or policy development, I get bombarded with quotes and press releases on what the heads of these companies have to say.

The government's attitude has also changed, though not as radically. While earlier requests for meetings with Secretaries and Joint Secretaries fell on deaf ears, they are now entertained.

However, this is not a privilege I take for granted, since I have seen what happens when one does that. My first stint at *The Hindu* coincided with the time when Arun Jaitley was Finance Minister. Jaitley gave reporters more or less a free writ to roam the halls of the Ministry for stories.

This policy carried over briefly when Nirmala Sitharaman took over as Finance Minister. However, it soon stopped because the privilege was grossly abused. It was brought to the Minister's attention that several reporters were ordering food from apps to be delivered directly to North Block, which not only houses the Home Ministry, but is also located opposite the Ministry of Defence and the Prime Minister's Office. Some reporters went as far as to tail government officials on their way to the bathroom, hoping to get a quote from them.

Ms. Sitharaman decided to go the other extreme. She banned entry of all media persons to the Ministry, unless they had an official appointment. Those appointments, too, became rare. It took the media several years to regain her reluctant trust. Things are still far from where they were during Jaitley's time, but they are certainly better than what they were in 2019.

Access also depends very much on the journalist's work. Once I reported a foolish remark by a Minister. The news item was carried on the front page and I was immediately blacklisted. I no longer had access even off-the-record insights. It finally took a change of personnel in the Minister's office for me to regain some semblance of access. The attempt to gain greater access remains ongoing.

Several media houses and journalists have ample access to officials simply because they write what the government wants them to. But the life of a credible reporter involves a constant balance between garnering access, our prime asset, and maintaining the credibility of our byline.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK | In the grip of Bonalu fervour

A devotee carries a 'bonam' or earthen pot at Golconda Fort during the Bonalu festival in Hyderabad. SIDDHANT THAKUR

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FROM THE ARCHIVES The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 4, 1975

Connors, Ashe to meet in finals

London, July 3: Defending champion Jimmy Cornors and Arthur Ashe won their semi-finals in the nearly Rs. 19.6 lakhs Wimbledon tennis championships to-day and became the first Americans to meet in the finals since Jack Kramer beat Tom Brown way back in 1947.

Top seed Connors in a display of tennis mastery that awed the capacity of 15,000 in Centre Court tamed Roscoe Tanner's 140 mile-an-hour service with a dazzling display of ground strokes and beat him in 75 minutes 6-4, 6-1, 6-4. In the other semi-final, sixth seeded Ashe beat Australia's 16th seed, Torry Roche, in a comparatively tedious two hour and 50 minute marathon 5-7, 6-4, 7-5, 8-9, 6-4. Connors, an overwhelming favourite to beat Ashe, now is better than even money to become the first champion since 1938 to win the singles without the loss of a set.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 4, 1925

The situation in China

Canton, July 3: A Commission of 16 persons has been formed to conduct the National Government including the son of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, as a Minister of Communications. The oath adjures the Commission to follow Dr. Sun Yat Sen's political will. All foreign consuls except the British and French were invited.

From Page One

Centre to gather support to remove Justice Varma

The Monsoon Session of Parliament will begin on July 21 and conclude on August 21, following an extension of 10 days from the earlier schedule. President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the revised schedule earlier in the day. "The government has enough business to conduct," Mr. Rijiju said, without elaborating on the reasons for extending the session beyond the earlier end date of August 12.

The case concerns a fire incident at Justice Varma's official residence in Delhi in March, during his tenure as a judge of the Delhi High Court. The incident led to the discovery of several burnt sacks of currency notes in the outhouse. Justice Varma reportedly denied knowledge of the cash.

A Supreme Court-appointed in-house inquiry committee, however, reportedly found material to recommend removal after recording statements from several witnesses, including the judge. Justice Khanna subsequently wrote to the President and the Prime Minister, recommending Justice Varma's removal–thereby initiating the constitutional procedure for the removal of a member of the higher judiciary.

Global South's voice key to world's progress: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the Parliament of Ghana, in Accra, on Wednesday. AP

The Prime Minister described the state honour that he received as the "symbol of enduring friendship" between India and Ghana, which has been a priority of India's ties with Africa since the early days of decolonisation in the 1950s.

Global governance reforms

"Progress cannot come without giving voice to the Global South," he emphasised, listing "climate change, pandemics, terrorism, and cyber security" as the "new and complex crises" that are posing fresh challenges to the world. "The changing circumstances demand credible and effective reforms in global governance," the Prime Minister said, highlighting the inclusion of the African Union into the G-20.

"We put emphasis on Africa's rightful place at the global high table. We are proud that the African Union became a permanent member of the G-20 during our Presidency," Mr. Modi said.

Uniting forces

Quoting Dr. Nkrumah, Mr. Modi said, "The forces that unite us are intrinsic and greater than the superimposed influences that keep us apart." India is a "pillar of strength in the world" that will stand "shoulder to shoulder" with Ghana as it pursues its developmental goals, he vowed.

This is the first speech by an Indian Prime Minister in Ghana's Parliament, with the special meeting being convened by the Speaker of the Ghanaian Parliament Alban Kingsford Sumana Bagbin, who had visited India in 2023. Mr. Modi appreciated Ghana's parliamentary system and expressed satisfaction over the formation of the Ghana-India Parliamentary Friendship Society.

Social media accounts of Pakistani stars blocked again

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The social media accounts of several Pakistani celebrities were geo-blocked again on Thursday, hours after they became briefly accessible to users in India – a development that had triggered sharp reactions across platforms.

Some of the restricted profiles became visible on Wednesday, reportedly due to a technical glitch. However, following the issue being brought to the attention of the authorities, the content was once again geo-restricted.

In the wake of the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, the Union Home Ministry had recommended the blocking of 16 YouTube channels based in Pakistan. These were accused of disseminating provocative and communally sensitive content, false narratives, and misinformation targeting India, its armed forces, and security agencies. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry had issued an advisory to OTT platforms, streaming services, and digital intermediaries in India, instructing them to discontinue web series, films, songs, podcasts, and other forms of media content originating from Pakistan.

Indigenous defence procurement worth ₹1.05 lakh cr. cleared

DAC gives nod to buy equipment for effective air defence along Pakistan border and to enhance operational preparedness of the armed forces

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on Thursday accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for 10 capital acquisition proposals valued at ₹1.05 lakh crore through indigenous sourcing.

It was the first meeting after Operation Sindoor to enhance the capabilities of the armed forces.

"AoNs were accorded for procurement of Armoured Recovery Vehicles, Electronic Warfare System, Integrated Common Inventory Management System for the Tri-Services and Surface-to-Air Missiles," said the Ministry of Defence in a statement.

The agenda of the council's meeting was to enhance India's air defence capabilities along the Pakistan border. The procurement of indigenous Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) systems worth ₹30,000 crore for the Indian Army has been approved.

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These procurements will provide higher mobility, effective air defence, and better supply chain management and augment the operational preparedness of the armed forces.

"AoNs were also accorded for procurement of Moored Mines, Mine Counter Measure Vessels, Super Rapid Gun Mount and Submersible Autonomous Vessels. These procurements will enable mitigation of potential risks posed to the Naval and Merchant Vessels," the statement said.

"To provide further impetus to indigenous design and development, AoNs were accorded under the Buy (Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured) category," it added.

3 Apache combat helicopters to arrive in India by July 15

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Following the India-U.S. Defence Ministers' dialogue, the long-awaited Apache combat helicopters are to be delivered in the next two weeks.

A top source in the Defence Ministry confirmed that it has been communicated to them that the first batch of three Apache AH-64E attack helicopters from the U.S. will be delivered by July 15. The next batch of three helicopters will be delivered by November.

The development comes after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday held a telephone conversation with U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. Both leaders reviewed ongoing and upcoming initiatives to enhance defence cooperation between India and the U.S.

Mr. Singh thanked Mr. Hegseth for the U.S. support during Operation Sindoor and told him that India reserved the right to pre-empt and deter cross-border terror attacks and defend itself.

The Defence Minister sought the timely delivery of the U.S.-made General Electric engines for the Tejas light combat-Mk1A aircraft, being manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. He also spoke on setting up a production unit for jet engines in India.

The next batch of three helicopters will be delivered by November.

Mr. Hegseth said he would ensure the timely delivery of the jet engines, adding that the production unit will be set up within a timeframe. The defence source, meanwhile, refused to reveal any specific time frame related to the delivery of GE jet engines for LCA Tejas.

Last year, the Indian Army Aviation Corps raised its first Squadron at Jodhpur that will operate the Apache helicopters, but they had been waiting for helicopters for over 15 months. The induction of the Apache helicopter is part of the modernisation programme of the Army's Aviation Corps. It will further strengthen the Army's combat capabilities.

SRMIST-*The Hindu* to host webinar on future of healthcare

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST), in association with *The Hindu*, will organise the fourth in a series of webinars on "Future career conversations" on Saturday.

Titled "Tomorrow's doctors and dentists: Skills that shape the future of healthcare", the webinar will delve into the dynamic healthcare landscape.

It will also highlight the skill sets required by future doctors and dentists in the era of technological disruptions.

The panel of speakers includes Nitin M. Nagarkar, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Medicine and Health Sciences), SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre; T.R. Muralidharan, Director, Institute of Cardiac Sciences, SRM Global Hospital and Head, Department of Cardiology, SRM Medical College Hospital and Research Centre; Vivek Narayanan, Dean (Dental), SRM Dental College and Hospital; and C.S. Pramesh, Director, Tata Memorial Hospital and Professor, Thoracic Surgery, Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai.

The webinar starts at 11.30 a.m.

It will be moderated by R. Sujatha, former Deputy Editor, *The Hindu*.

Details are available at newsth.live/SRMCCHME

Student visa aspirants must make social media profiles public, says U.S. Embassy

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Students, vocational students and exchange visitors from India who are seeking U.S. visas will have to turn their social media profiles into "public" state for establishing their identity and "admissibility" to the United States under U.S. law, the Embassy of the United States announced this week.

The Embassy further said that it could not "guarantee" that Indian students who do not have an appointment already, will get a visa interview slot "this summer".

"The State Department is committed to protecting our nation and our citizens by upholding the highest standards of national security and public safety through our visa process. A U.S. visa is a privilege, not a right. If you already scheduled a student or exchange visitor visa appointment for this summer, please follow the latest guidance on social media settings and visa application procedures," said the U.S. Embassy in an announcement.

With around 3.3 lakh students in U.S. campuses, Indians were the largest community of international students in U.S. FILE PHOTO

The notification in this regard was "effective immediately" for all individuals applying for an F, M and J non-immigrant visa, which are meant for academic students, vocational students, and exchange visitors, respectively.

"Effective immediately, all individuals applying for an F, M or J nonimmigrant visa are requested to adjust the privacy settings on all of their social media accounts to 'public' to facilitate vetting necessary to establish their identity and admissibility to the U.S. under U.S. law," it said.

The announcement echoed recent cases involving several international students in the U.S. academic institutions who were penalised for their remarks about international conflicts, especially the Israel-Palestine war.

India and the U.S. have been in consultation since the arrival of the Donald Trump administration in January about the ways to streamline the issue of visas and citizenship in line with the Trump administration's election campaign.

With around 3.3 lakh students on U.S. campuses, Indians were the largest community of international students in the U.S., and the changes and the social media profile screening are expected to reflect in the social media behaviour of the students on U.S. campuses.

Centre issues strong rebuttal to China, says Dalai Lama's reincarnation is his decision

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The Government of India has made its position unequivocal on the question of the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama, asserting that only the current Dalai Lama and the conventions established by him can determine his successor.

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju, himself a practising Buddhist, made the remarks on Wednesday, which are being interpreted as a pointed rebuttal of China's claims on the matter. "The Dalai Lama is the most important and defining institution for Buddhists," Mr. Rijiju said, adding, "All those who follow the Dalai Lama feel that the incarnation is to be decided by the established convention and as per the wish of the Dalai Lama himself."

Kiren Rijiju

His remarks come a day after the 14th Dalai Lama issued a statement reiterating that the institution of the Dalai Lama would continue, and that only the Gaden Phodrang Trust would have the authority to recognise his reincarnation.

In response, the Chinese Foreign Ministry reacted sharply, with spokesperson Mao Ning asserting that the reincarnation "must be chosen by drawing lots from a golden urn, and approved by the Central government (of China)." She said that while China upholds a policy of religious freedom, it also "implements regulations on religious affairs and methods for managing the reincarnation of Tibetan living Buddhas."

Mr. Rijiju's statement is seen as a firm dismissal of the Chinese government's position. He is expected to attend the Dalai Lama's 90th birthday celebrations.

Manipur tightens security for farmers in vulnerable areas after Phubala firing incident

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

The Manipur government has heightened security for farmers in vulnerable areas, specifically along the 'buffer zone' separating the Meitei-dominated Imphal Valley and the surrounding hills where the Kuki-Zo tribal people are in the majority.

The decision follows a bullet injury sustained by a farmer in Bishnupur district's Phubala on June 19 and a subsequent meeting between a delegation of three Meitei-led civil society organisations and officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

A high-level meeting to review the security arrangements related to farming, enhance coordination, and prevent Phubala-like incidents was held in Imphal, on June 28.

The State government said police personnel are deployed in vulnerable farming areas in the hills and the valley, assisting Central security forces in providing security to the farming areas. Central security forces have been redeployed in the vicinity of Phubala to strengthen the security arrangements.

"Alert messages have been issued to all district Superintendents of Police from the police headquarters to immediately implement enhanced security protocols for ongoing farming and cultivation activities," an official statement said on Thursday.

Senior police officers are visiting farming areas to oversee the security arrangements. "Joint combing operations are being conducted on a regular basis in the fringe areas, including areas deep inside the hills, to flush out any miscreants. Flying squads and quick response teams have been set up by the administration for immediate assistance in case of any need," the statement said.

The government requested people, particularly farmers, to remain vigilant and inform local police or security forces before proceeding with farming activities in vulnerable or sensitive areas.

Air India terminates flight to U.S. in Vienna

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

An Air India flight from Delhi to Washington, which took off on July 2, could not complete its journey after it developed a technical glitch during a scheduled refuelling stopover in Vienna, the airline said on Thursday. Consequently, its return flight from Washington to Delhi was also cancelled.

The airline also said that accommodation was arranged for the stranded passengers in Vienna or bookings on alternative flights were made. Those who had booked on the Washington-Delhi flight were given alternative bookings or offered full refunds.

APPEAL

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Bihar draft rolls on August 1; final list to be out on Sept. 30

Public can file claims and objections for a month after draft publication, says commission; weekly updates will be shared with parties, final rolls will be prepared only after disposing of complaints; no deletion without due inquiry, poll body adds

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has said that the public can file claims and objections for a month from the publication of the draft electoral rolls following the ongoing special intensive revision of voter lists in Bihar.

The draft rolls will be published on August 1.

The daily lists of claims and objections will be displayed at the offices of the electoral registration officers (EROs) and published on the Chief Electoral Officer's website.

'Fair hearing'

A statement from the commission on Thursday said weekly updates would be shared with political parties. The final rolls would be prepared only after disposing of claims and objections. No deletion would be made without due inquiry and providing the person concerned a fair hearing. The panel said the same had been conveyed to the representatives of the political parties that met the commission on Wednesday.

Explaining the timeline of the process, the commission said that in the first phase, from June 25 to July 3, enumeration forms were being printed and distributed to the approximately 7.9 crore electors. The EROs were making available partially prefilled forms, based on existing records as on June 23. The BLOs were delivering the enumeration forms door-to-door to all the 7.9 crore electors whose names were on the electoral rolls as on June 24, which is the date of issue of the SIR order. Following this, in the second phase, the enumeration forms would be filled and submitted before July 25.

In the third phase of the exercise, running parallel from June 25 to July 26, the completed enumeration forms would be collected by the BLOs along with the self-attested documents. They could be submitted online as well.

In the fourth phase, the draft electoral rolls will be published on August 1. The list will include all electors whose forms have been received by the deadline. Names for which no enumeration form has been submitted before July 25 will not appear in the draft roll.

Copies of the draft roll will be provided to recognised political parties free of cost and uploaded on the EC's website. Electors who miss the initial deadline can still apply during the claims and objections period using Form-6 along with a declaration form.

In the fifth phase, from August 1 to September 1, the public can file claims and objections for inclusion or raise objections to existing entries on the draft roll. No deletion will be made without due inquiry and providing the person concerned a fair hearing, the EC said.

The final rolls will be published on September 30.

"The implementation of Special Intensive Revision in Bihar is running as per schedule with the active participation of all election staff and all political parties in a transparent manner. Despite apprehensions of some persons, SIR will ensure that all eligible persons will be included," Gyanesh Kumar, Chief Election Commissioner, said.

Steps and stages

The Election Commission has devised a detailed timeline for the release of the electoral roll post-revision

Full swing: The district election officials of Nawada handing over enumeration forms to voters in Bihar, in preparation for the Assembly polls. PTI

June 25-July 26: Uploading and verification of completed enumeration forms

June 25-July 26: Rationalisation of polling stations and finalisation of proposed restructuring (a polling station shall have not more than 1,200 electors)

July 27-July 31: Updating of Control Table and preparation of draft rolls (electors who filled the enumeration forms)

August 1: Publication of electoral draft roll

August 1 -Sept.1: Period for filing claims and objections

By Sept. 25: Disposal of claims and objections by EROs

By Sept. 27: Obtaining EC's permission for final publication

Sept.30: Final publication of electoral roll

INDIA bloc to explore legal options to challenge voter list special revision in Bihar

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A day after their meeting with the Election Commission (EC) on the special intensive revision of the electoral rolls in Bihar ahead of the Assembly election, the INDIA bloc is mulling over legal options to challenge the commission's move.

The parties also strongly condemned Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's remarks made during the meeting, where he reportedly said, "it is a new Election Commission."

Speaking to *The Hindu*, senior Rashtriya Janata Dal leader and Rajya Sabha member Manoj K. Jha said that the commission had heard the INDIA bloc leaders but did not "listen" and no answers were given on the questions they raised.

"He [Mr. Kumar] said this is a new commission. Members may be new, but the Election Commission is a perennial institution and has to be seen in continuum. The CEC's attitude that reflects from his remarks is unsettling," Mr. Jha said.

He further added that the Election Commission's stance on the migrant population imperils voting rights of people from the Dalit, Backward and minority communities, as they are the ones who usually travel out of the State seeking work.

General secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) Liberation Dipankar Bhattacharya said his party had already started public mobilisation on the question of "defending voting rights and Constitution", which he described as the biggest agenda in the polls.

Senior Congress leaders, including the head of the media and publicity wing Pawan Khera, Bihar Congress president Rajesh Kumar and the All India Congress Committee incharge for Bihar Krishna Allavaru, said at a press conference that the role of the commission had come under strong suspicion. Mr. Khera observed that the 'SIR' was a clear conspiracy to disenfranchise Bihar's voters and deny them their basic right to vote.

"The CEC has himself said that the Commission expects around 20% of voters in Bihar to be disenfranchised," Mr. Rajesh Kumar said.

Voicing concerns: Congress leaders Pawan Khera, Rajesh Kumar and Krishna Allavaru at a press conference in New Delhi. ANI

Had positive discussion with Tejashwi, seat sharing will be finalised soon, says Paras

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party (RLJP) national president and former Union Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras on Thursday said he had held positive talks with Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav, who was heading the INDIA bloc Coordination Committee constituted for the Assembly election.

Mr. Paras said that seat-sharing would be finalised soon, but did not disclose the number of seats his party was eager to contest. He said winning candidates should get ticket.

Addressing presspersons at the party office, Mr. Paras said, "Tejashwi Yadav *ji* is leading the INDIA bloc in Bihar, and I had a talk with him. This week, we are again going to sit together to discuss the Assembly election. I am sure, whatever will happen, it will be good."

RLJP chief Pashupati Kumar Paras says winning candidates should get ticket.

Seat in Vaishali district

He answered in the affirmative when asked about claiming any seats in Vaishali district, which was a strong bastion for the undivided LJP earlier led by his elder brother and former Union Minister, the late Ram Vilas Paswan.

"Of course, we will surely stake a claim to the Assembly seat in Vaishali district. These things would be discussed when we sit for the formal talk over the seat distribution as part of the INDIA bloc. At present, there is a great need for a change in leadership in Bihar, and we will give our winning candidates after the talk with the alliance partners. The winning candidates should get the ticket," he said.

Party's standing

Officially, Mr. Paras's RLJP is not yet part of the INDIA bloc, which consists six parties in the State – the RJD, Congress, Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP), Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), CPI(M) and the CPI.

Sources in the RJD camp said that Mr. Paras was demanding 10 to 15 seats, whereas Mr. Yadav was not willing to offer more than two seats.

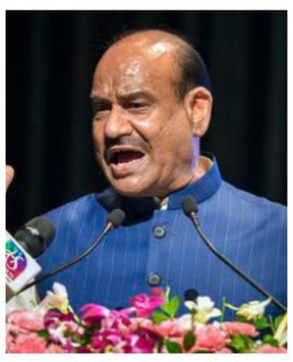
House disruptions have reduced, productivity has improved: Birla

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday said that frequent disruptions in Parliament, once a recurring feature, had significantly declined, paving the way for improved productivity and more substantive debate.

Speaking at the inaugural session of the first national conference of the heads of urban local bodies from the States and Union Territories in Manesar, Haryana, Mr. Birla said the Lok Sabha had increasingly witnessed late-night sittings and prolonged discussions, reflecting what he described as a "matured and responsible democratic culture".

He urged urban local bodies to institutionalise structured procedures such as regular sittings, robust committee systems, and citizen engagement mechanisms to strengthen grassroots democracy.



Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressing a gathering in Manesar on Thursday. PTI

The two-day conference on "Role of urban local bodies in strengthening constitutional democracy and nation building" aims to serve as a platform to define the role of urban local bodies in a rapidly urbanising India and to highlight innovative models of contemporary urban governance.

Referring to India's ancient traditions of village assemblies and community deliberations, Mr. Birla said that India had long been recognised as the "mother of democracy".

"These are the roots of our democratic functioning, which we have inherited over centuries. Today, there is a need for municipal body meetings to carry forward our rich democratic tradition," he said, adding that the functioning of municipal bodies should be "dignified, rule-bound, and regular".

'Hold Question Hour'

Mr. Birla proposed that municipal bodies incorporate procedures such as Question Hour and Zero Hour to allow elected representatives to raise issues concerning their constituencies. Such mechanisms, he said, would enhance accountability, improve transparency, and facilitate more effective monitoring of administrative work.

"I have observed that in many municipalities, councils, and corporations, meetings are not held throughout the year. Sometimes, only a budget meeting takes place, which is adjourned within half-an-hour amid chaos. This is not a healthy democratic tradition," Mr. Birla said. He added that municipal meetings should be day-long affairs with detailed deliberations on proposals and plans.

"There should also be extensive discussion on the budget, so that schemes are made in the interest of the public and their impact is visible on the ground," he said.

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Saini, addressing the gathering, described urban local bodies as foundational institutions and "the first school and nursery of democracy". "A developed India and a developed Haryana can only be achieved through developed cities," he said.

AAP breaks ties with Cong., to go solo in Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday declared that his party had ended its association with the Congress, accusing the latter of indirectly assisting the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party in Gujarat.

Mr. Kejriwal, addressing presspersons here, said the Opposition Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance was conceived exclusively for the Lok Sabha election and it no longer bound the AAP to the Congress.

"The AAP will contest the 2027 Gujarat Assembly election independently and will win. We will provide the people with a real alternative to both the BJP and the Congress," he said.

The former Delhi Chief Minister said the Congress had "failed as an opposition".

Take action against judges who show caste bias in rulings, Congress urges CJI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday urged the Chief Justice of India (CJI) to take note of High Court judges who show "caste bias" in their rulings.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, Rajendra Pal Gautam, chairman of the Scheduled Caste (SC) department of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), cited a recent judgment of the Orissa High Court in which a social activist was directed to sweep and clean a police station as bail conditions.

'Told to clean station'

Mr. Gautam said two activists, who were protesting against illegal mining, were jailed in a "false and fabricated case". When one of them was granted bail by the High Court, he was told to clean a police station between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. every day for three months.

Congress leader says there has been a consistent increase in crimes against Scheduled groups

Mr. Gautam said that the other activist also got bail on similar conditions from a lower court.

"If this is the attitude toward castes by a judge, then what can you expect from a common man. I would urge the Chief Justice of India to find out such judicial orders and there should be action against such judges too," Mr. Gautam said.

Quoting a 2021 judgment of the Chhattisgarh High Court, Mr. Gautam said a rape accused was acquitted on the grounds that "upper caste men cannot rape an SC or ST woman".

"A similar reasoning was given in the infamous Bhanwari Devi gang rape case in Rajasthan in 1992. Nothing has changed in all these years," he said.

Quoting National Crime Records Bureau data, Mr. Gautam said there was a consistent increase in the crimes against SCs and STs, and that there was a need to strengthen the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

He said these bodies have been rendered powerless as the government has not appointed all the members.

Mr. Gautam disclosed that out of over six lakh complaints received regarding atrocities against SCs and STs, only about 7,500 were heard by these Commissions.

"If you do not want these commissions to function, it is better scrap them," he said.

The Congress leader also alleged that the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, which claimed to be working for the unity of Hindus, did not consider Dalits and tribals Hindus.

Mr. Gautam said that there has been 35% increase on atrocities against SCs and STs. He said in Chhindwara area of Madhya Pradesh, a tribal person was forced to drink urine earlier this week. In Odisha, a tribal man was forced to walk on his knees for some distance after he was allegedly accosted by a Bajrang Dal activist, he said. "In Tamil Nadu, there was a case where a Dalit sarpanch (panchayat head) was forced to sit on the floor while forward caste people sat on chairs," he said.

Preparatory work for Census 2027 begins with two-day DCO conference

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

The preparations for Census 2027 kicked off on Thursday with the inauguration of a two-day conference of Directors of Census Operations (DCO) from across the country.

At the conference, the DCOs were informed about the processes that would have to be followed for the forthcoming Census. The first phase House Listing Operations and Housing Schedule (HLO) expected to begin on April 1, 2026.

Before the first phase begins, a pre-test exercise will be held where tentative questions will be asked by enumerators. The notification for pre-test is likely to be issued in August, a senior government official said.

A pre-test was carried out in 2019 in 76 districts of 36 States and Union Territories, covering a population of over 26 lakh. For Census 2021, which will now be known as Census 2027, as many as 31 questions were notified for the first phase.

A senior government official said that a portal will be launched soon to get real-time information on field work. The DCOs and other senior Census officials will be able to monitor various verticals such as the finalisation of administrative units, preparation of code directories, schedule of training of enumerators, questionnaires for pre-test exercise among others. This will be the first digital Census and also the first to enumerate caste in Independent India. Caste will be counted in the second and the main phase: the Population Census which will be conducted in February 2027.

Gearing up: Participants at the two-day conference of Directors of Census Operations in New Delhi on Thursday. X/ @CENSUSINDIA2027

The Census India 2027 posted on X on Thursday, "As a part of #Census2027 preparations, two days conference of Directors of Census Operations of States and U.T.s began in Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi today".

The inaugural session was addressed by Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan and Registrar-General of India and Census Commissioner of India Mritunjay Kumar Narayan.

On June 27, Mr. Narayan had written to Chief Secretaries of all States that the preparations for Census 2027 was under way and any changes to boundaries of administrative units should be effected by December 31, 2025 as the first phase or the HLO begins on April 1, 2026.

It asked the States to submit the details of changes made to the boundaries till that date.

INBRIEF

BKS welcomes NITI Aayog decision to withdraw paper

The Bharatiya Kisan Sangh – a farmers' body affiliated to the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) – welcomed the NITI Aayog's recent decision to withdraw a working paper suggesting that India should lower import tariffs on agricultural produce from the U.S., including on genetically modified soya and corn crops. BKS general secretary Mohini Mohan Mishra termed the paper anti-farmer and anti-consumer. "This paper was widely criticised by various farmers' organisations, including the BKS. After our strong reaction, the paper was removed from the NITI Aayog website," Mr. Mishra said. He pointed out that allowing GM products could put the livelihood of about 70 crore Indians in danger.

Man poses as delivery agent, rapes woman at her home

An unidentified man allegedly raped a 22-year-old woman after gaining access to her apartment in Pune by posing as a courier delivery executive, the police said on Thursday. The accused left a message on the survivor's phone warning her not to inform about the crime to anyone as he had taken her pictures and would share them on social media, said Rajkumar Shinde, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 5). The police said the incident took place on Wednesday at a housing society in Kondhwa and search was on for the culprit. The face of the accused has been captured on CCTV. A case has been registered, the police added. PTI

Hundreds of pilgrims begin Amarnath trek

Large number of first timers among first batch of pilgrims, undeterred by April 22 Pahalgam terror attack; additional security deployed, logistical arrangements secured, say local police

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Faith over fear: The first batch of pilgrims on their way to the Amarnath cave shrine on Thursday. The temple is located at an altitude of 14,000 feet at Railpathri in Kashmir. IMRAN NISSAR

Hundreds of pilgrims have started trekking towards the Amarnath cave shrine, located at an altitude of 14,000 feet in Kashmir, with many newcomers to the yatra showing no sense of fear despite the deadly terror attack in nearby Pahalgam on April 22.

Chanting slogans like "*Bam Bam Bhole*" and "*Har Har Mahadev*", hundreds of pilgrims, including sadhus, men and women, were brimming with religious fervour as they left their base camps in central and south Kashmir on Thursday morning.

A total of 12,348 pilgrims paid obeisance on the first day, which included 9,181 males and 2,223 females. The Pahalgam attack, which left 26 civilians dead, seemed to have little impact on the flow of pilgrims on the first day, with many first timers turning up for the darshan.

"I am happy that the Lord has granted my wish to visit the cave, that too on the first day. Security is alert and it feels very much safe," said Anjali, a resident of Hisar in Haryana.

A first timer, she chose to take the Baltal route, which requires a 14-km trek to reach the cave shrine from central Kashmir's Ganderbal district.

Akanksha Sen, a resident of Bihar who is also on the yatra for the first time, said, "I have a deep sense of elation trekking up in the mountains to pay obeisance at the shrine."

Another devotee, Preeti, said it was her sixth pilgrimage to the shrine.

"The Pahalgam attack has not deterred me or infused any fear. The arrangements are much better this time," she said. Hundreds of devotees trekked from Pahalgam itself, which involves an arduous trek of more than 30 km.

Added security

Vijay Kumar Bidhuri, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, flagged off the first batch of pilgrims from Domail at Baltal in Ganderbal district early in the morning.

"This yatra is not just a religious yatra. It is a yatra of the people," he said.

The administration has made additional security deployments on the twin yatra routes this year. "We are committed to ensuring a safe and smooth yatra. Pilgrims must follow the schedule to avoid congestion. All security and logistical arrangements are in place. Our forces are on the ground to make sure the yatra remains safe for everyone," Khalil Poswal, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ganderbal, said.

The 38-day pilgrimage to the cave shrine will culminate on August 9.

COVID-19 vaccines not linked to sudden deaths: AIIMS doctors

Ashna Butani
NEW DELHI

No direct link has been established between COVID-19 vaccination and sudden deaths among young people, doctors at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, said on Thursday.

R. Narang, Professor of cardiology, highlighted the importance of studying the cause of sudden deaths among young people.

"We know from past studies that sudden [cardiac] arrests in young people versus those in older people have different causes. There are two major causes among sudden arrests in young people – the first is rhythm issues, which lead to irregular heartbeat, and the second is hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), where the muscle thickens. This is common among young athletes," Dr. Narang said.

In older people, the most common cause of sudden heart attacks is blood clots in the coronary arteries, with the flow of blood to the heart muscle blocked, Dr. Narang said.

"Why such sudden deaths are reported more now could have other causes that are not related to health. One possible reason is that after COVID-19, there has been more focus on health, and an increase in the use of social media channels, such as WhatsApp, where messages spread widely and become viral quickly," Dr. Narang said.

"There is no conclusive evidence that the COVID-19 vaccine is causing sudden cardiac arrests. In fact, vaccines have proven to be more beneficial by reducing the severity of infections and associated complications," he said.

The interim project report of an ongoing study titled "The burden of sudden death in young: A year's snapshot of a single centre in India", being conducted by AIIMS doctors, which studied 2,214 deaths, found that 180 (8.1%) were sudden deaths, of which 57.2% were cases of sudden deaths among the young (SDY).

Causes related to the cardiovascular system (CVS) constituted the most SDY (42.6%), followed by respiratory causes (21.3%). While the study is ongoing and will take a year to complete, the researchers had not found any link to COVID-19 vaccination, and all possible causes were being studied, Sudheer Arava, one of the professors conducting the study, said.

SC to hear HDFC Bank MD's plea to quash FIR

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court agreed to urgently hear a plea filed by HDFC Bank CEO and MD Sashidhar Jagdishan to quash an FIR registered against him on the basis of a complaint filed by the Lilavati Kirtilal Mehta Medical Trust, which runs the Mumbai-based Lilavati Hospital, accusing him of accepting a bribe of ₹2.05 crore.

A Bench of Justices M.M. Sundresh and Vinod Chandran on Thursday listed the case for Friday following an oral mentioning made by senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Mr. Jagdishan.

The Trust has accused him of interfering in its internal affairs and misusing his position as the head of a leading private bank.

IPS appointments in CAPFs continue despite SC order against the move

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Power play: Presently, 20% posts in the rank of DIG and 50% posts in the rank of IG in CAPFs are reserved for IPS officers. IMRAN NISSAR

Despite a Supreme Court ruling to "progressively reduce" the deputation of Indian Police Service (IPS) officers to the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF), the Union Home Ministry continues to appoint IPS officers to senior posts.

Since May 23, when the Supreme Court ruled that Group A officers of CAPFs belong to "Organised Services" for "all purposes", at least eight appointments of IPS officers in the rank of Commandant to Inspector-General in the CAPFs have been made by the Ministry.

In the *Sanjay Prakash & Others versus Union of India* case, the court ruled that the deputation posts of IPS officers in the Senior Administrative Grade or up to the rank of Inspector-General in CAPFs should be "progressively reduced over a period of time, say within an outer limit of two years."

Counsel for the petitioners have now written to the Home Ministry, the Department of Personnel and Training, and the Directors-General of all CAPFs that the ongoing appointments are in contempt of the court judgment.

In 2021, Group A officers of the CAPFs approached the court seeking non-functional financial upgrade (NFFU), cadre review and restructuring and amendment of recruitment rules to eliminate IPS deputation and allow internal promotions up to SAG.

At present, 20% posts in the rank of Deputy Inspector-General (DIG) and 50% in the rank of Inspector-General (IG) in CAPFs are reserved for IPS officers. The court's decision would significantly reduce IPS dominance in CAPFs.

Around 13,000 CAPF officers were likely to benefit from the judgment leading to faster promotions.

The Home Ministry is the cadre controlling authority for CAPFs and the IPS.

The CAPFs comprise the Border Security Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Central Reserve Police Force, Sashastra Seema Bal and Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

Due to a large number of posts being reserved for IPS officers, CAPF officers suffer stagnation in services and on an average an officer who joins as Assistant Commandant (AC) takes 25 years to be promoted as a Commandant, whereas he or she should attain the seniority in 13 years.

I&B Ministry proposes amendments to rules for TV rating agencies

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The proposed draft removes some restrictive provisions for media houses to allow more players besides the BARC

The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry has proposed amendments to the Policy Guidelines for Television Rating Agencies, issued in 2014.

The proposed draft, released on Wednesday, removes some restrictive provisions for media houses to allow more players besides the current Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) to democratise and modernise the television audience measurement ecosystem.

Observing that the existing system for measuring viewership, Television Rating Points (TRP), did not fully capture the evolving patterns owing to content availability on various platforms including smart TVs, mobile applications, and other online streaming platforms, the Ministry said the gap could affect the accuracy of ratings, which in turn might influence revenue planning for broadcasters and ad strategies for brands.

The Ministry has invited feedback from stakeholders and the general public within 30 days of the issuance of the draft.

"The amendments will also enable more investments from broadcasters, advertisers, and other stakeholders to improve rating technology and infrastructure," it added.

HC restrains Patanjali from airing ads on Dabur product

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Thursday restrained Patanjali from running disparaging advertisements against Dabur Chyawanprash.

The court allowed the interim order on Dabur's plea, which alleged that Patanjali Special Chyawanprash was disparaging Dabur Chyawanprash specifically, and Chyawanprash in general, by claiming that "no other manufacturer has the knowledge to prepare Chyawanprash" – constituting generic disparagement.

"In addition, false and misleading statements are made in the advertisements (in respect of an ayurvedic drug/medicine), in disparaging comparison with DABUR Chyawanprash," the petition said.

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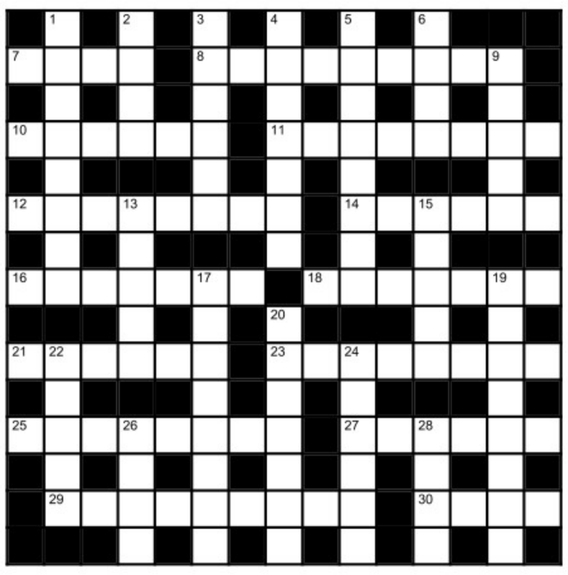

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12 Eastern relation, perhaps (8)
14 Insect spreading acid in California (6)
16 Extended play is initially tantalising with the French letter (7)
18 Customers ordered stencil (7)
21 A kind of pain around end of stomach producing a bile acid (6)
23 Birds over Crusoe (8)
25 Scare right inside marshy land (8)
27 Extraordinary priest is most mature (6)
29 Start speech about one drink (9)
30 Spoil small planet (4)

Down

1 Grooming aid's hot air goes right into pores at first (8)
2 Buck got by throwing gats (4)
3 Gift story book (6)
4 Cricketer Shastri mixes oil to prepare stuffed pasta (7)
5 Tangible clay ship is sailing (8)
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9 Period editor is worshipped (5)
13 Stand in support of artist (5)
15 See 6
17 Food additive made from litchi paste spread around eastern pole (8)
19 Pants, "Powdered ores rust" (8)
20 Scotsman hugged Indian queen and Asian national (7)
22 Oprah goes back for Groucho's brother (5)
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FAITH

Rama and dharma

The Vedas are the root of dharma, and the Sastras have been written based on them. Rama is the embodiment of dharma, and praising Rama amounts to fostering dharma. How did Rama follow dharma? Rama was born to King Dasaratha, who followed dharma and lived according to righteous principles. Additionally, Rama learned from sage Vashista, who taught him all the dharmas and sastras. On one occasion, when Lakshmana, going out of control in a fit of rage, said he would conquer fate (*vidhi*). Rama replied to Lakshmana that he had not thoroughly learned the Vedas, as no one could win the same.

Lanka Sri Jeyaraj said in a discourse that learning is of two types. The first is learning knowledge at the book level, and the second is gaining knowledge through experience. Sage Viswamitra asked Rama to slay the demoness Tataka. Rama hesitated as she was a woman, recalling the teachings of Vasishta that women and emissaries should not be killed. Viswamitra told Rama, "I am not without knowing dharma. You hesitate by applying your book knowledge learned from Vasishta, but there is something more beyond that. Tataka, though in the garb of a woman, does not possess the essential qualities of womanhood and nothing wrong with killing her." Viswamitra imparted practical knowledge to Rama. Then Rama changed his mind. Mahodhara, one of the counsels, suggested to Ravana to take the form of Rama and approach Sita to change her mind. Ravana replied that he had already tried those tactics, but they had not worked because whenever he took the form of Rama, his mind refused to think of any other woman except his wife Mandodari.

INBRIEF

IL&FS moves NCLT to cancel headquarters sale agreement

Scam-hit Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd. (IL&FS) has moved the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) seeking to cancel the sale agreement for its headquarters in the Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) to Brookfield-backed Chronos Properties Pvt. Ltd. (CPPL). The latter had agreed to acquire the prime property for ₹1,080 crore and had provided performance guarantees of ₹108 crore for the same.

IndiGo appoints Amitabh Kant as non-executive director

IndiGo on Thursday announced the appointment of Amitabh Kant as a non-executive director on the Board of Directors of parent company InterGlobe Aviation Limited. Mr. Kant stepped down as India's G20 sherpa and joined Canadian investment firm Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. as a senior adviser. He was also the Niti Aayog CEO and has held several key positions, including as a director on the board of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

Meesho files IPO draft paper via confidential route

Softbank-backed e-commerce firm Meesho has filed a draft paper with markets regulator SEBI through confidential route, sources aware of the development said. The resolution to launch an IPO was passed in the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on June 25. The company shared its plans to raise at least ₹4,250 crore in the initial public offering. However, the total size of the IPO comprising secondary share sale could not be ascertained. PTI

'Rare earth crunch a bigger issue for auto firms than expected'

Govt. can monetise stakes in public sector companies, using the funds to establish independent supply chains for rare earths, says CII's Memani

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Out of box: Where India has critical supplies coming from outside, it should have a strategy for the same, says Memani. REUTERS

Shortage of rare earth materials due to China's export ban of these materials is a bigger concern for the Indian automobile sector than was earlier thought, with some firms already indicating they would be cutting output, said Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) president Rajiv Memani.

One step the government can take to alleviate this in the medium term, he said, was to sell its stake in some listed public sector firms and use those funds to invest in establishing independent supply chains for rare earths and other critical elements.

"Definitely auto is a big concern, not only on EVs but wider," Mr. Memani told the media in response to a question on the issue. "In auto, I would say the concern is more serious than what's come out till now. In fact, some of the most conservative companies have begun to give some guidance on lowering their production levels going forward."

China had, on April 4, restricted the export of rare earth magnets and related materials in retaliation to tariffs imposed by the U.S. on Chinese imports. Rare earth magnets are crucial materials in the motors of electric vehicles (EVs) and are used in internal combustion engine vehicles as well.

"Personally, I feel it is a good wake-up call for India," Mr. Memani added. "Not only for rare earths, but for all those areas, whether it is APIs, penicillin or other products, where we have critical supplies coming from outside, we should have a strategy for that. Having such a weakness can impact at critical junctures."

The president of the industry association further said that the government currently accounts for 10% of the market capitalisation in India's stock markets, which works out to almost ₹50 lakh crore. A portion of this amount can be put to a much more productive use, he explained.

Mr. Memani conceded it is important for the government to hold stocks in strategic or sensitive companies, but added that, were the government to sell even 10% of its holdings, it would gain access to a substantial sum.

"If the government can monetise and use this to much better effect, either to reduce debt but more importantly to create a sovereign wealth fund that is focussed on MSMEs, focussed on addressing the critical issues the economy is facing, such as rare earths and critical supply independence."

During his presentation on major issues facing the Indian economy, Mr. Memani said the single biggest factor holding back the private sector from investing further in the country was the lack of skilled labour. Overall, the CII expects the economy to grow at 6.4-6.7% in the current financial year 2025-26.

'Services sector growth hits 10-month high as demand surges'

Reuters
BENGALURU

India's services sector enjoyed its strongest growth in ten months in June, fuelled by robust demand and cooling price pressures, a survey showed on Thursday.

The HSBC final India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by S&P Global, climbed to 60.4 in June from 58.8 in May, but was a touch lower than a preliminary estimate of 60.7.

The PMI threshold of 50.0 separates growth in activity from contraction.

The new business subindex rose sharply as companies benefited from sustained strength in the domestic market. This came alongside robust growth in export orders even as the pace slowed slightly from May. Overseas demand was underpinned by improvement from Asian, West Asian and U.S. markets, said panelists.

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'Shapoorji Pallonji arm eyeing $300-million shares-backed loan'

Reuters
MUMBAI

India's Shapoorji Pallonji and Co., the construction arm of conglomerate Shapoorji Pallonji Group, is in talks with bankers to raise about $300 million to refinance existing debt, three sources familiar with the matter told *Reuters* on Thursday.

The company may look to raise the funds in Indian rupees, and the loan would be backed by shares of Afcons Infrastructure, along with some other real estate assets, the sources added. Two of the sources further added that the debt to be refinanced is owed to HDFC Bank, while it will look to avail the loan at around 15%, but the details are yet to be finalised.

The company did not immediately reply to a *Reuters* email seeking comment.

According to ICRA, the company had taken a term loan of around ₹22.50 billion ($263.14 million) from HDFC Bank in March 2022.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,239	-0.20
US Dollar	85.55	0.08
Gold	99,620	0.45
Brent oil	68.76	2.44

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2611.20	-19.00
Adani Ports	1431.10	-12.80
Apollo Hosp	7565.00	124.00
Asian Paints	2430.90	11.50
Axis Bank	1171.10	-4.20
Bajaj Auto	8382.50	26.00
Bajaj Finserv	1980.70	-27.20
Bajaj Finance	910.15	-12.85
Bharat Elec	426.25	-0.70
Bharti Airtel	2019.30	-14.00
Cipla	1508.70	11.10
Coal India	386.45	-0.45
Dr Reddys Lab	1291.30	20.50
Eicher Motors	5716.00	-6.50
Eternal Ltd.	260.85	1.10
Grasim Ind	2817.60	-32.20
HCL Tech	1711.90	-6.70
HDFC Bank	1987.10	1.10
HDFC Life	785.85	-3.85
Hero MotoCorp	4310.60	66.90
Hindalco	692.85	-5.50
Hind Unilever	2313.40	6.30
ICICI Bank	1425.90	-1.90
IndusInd Bank	862.40	4.75
Infosys	1618.70	8.20
ITC	413.35	0.40
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	325.05	-1.65
JSW Steel	1046.10	-13.80
Kotak Bank	2126.60	-42.50
L&T	3582.90	-13.90
M&M	3174.40	9.20
Maruti Suzuki	12752.00	130.00
NestleIndia	2388.40	0.40
NTPC	334.60	0.85
ONGC	244.05	2.98
PowerGrid Corp	293.70	-1.15
Reliance Ind	1517.80	-1.00
SBI Life	1810.20	-46.60
State Bank	807.10	-5.80
Shriram Finance Ltd.	675.40	-1.50
Sun Pharma	1679.70	2.20
TataConsumerProduct	1089.40	-6.40
Tata Motors	690.40	1.85
Tata Steel	165.91	0.03
TCS	3400.80	-22.50
Tech Mahindra	1671.90	-5.20
Titan	3678.70	-29.30
Trent Ltd.	6191.00	-31.50
UltraTech Cement	12398.00	-38.00
Wipro	267.05	0.05

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	85.11	85.43
Euro	100.38	100.75
British Pound	116.25	116.69
Japanese Yen (100)	59.17	59.40
Chinese Yuan	11.89	11.93
Swiss Franc	107.35	107.76
Singapore Dollar	66.86	67.12
Canadian Dollar	62.66	62.90
Malaysian Ringitt	20.14	20.25
Australian Dollar	55.97	56.18

Source:Indian Bank

'Unrealistic' price bands hampering relisting of insolvent firms

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Unfair deal
Despite a 2012 SEBI circular prohibiting price bands on day one of relisting, it is said NSE and BSE are not following the same
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Bhushan Steel, Monnet Ispat & Energy, and ABG Shipyard had faced similar issues

Several companies that had successfully completed the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)-led corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP) and opted for relisting in the stock exchanges are finding it difficult to secure fair price discovery due to alleged 'unrealistic' price bands set by the stock exchanges and hence seeing value distortion, according to the impacted companies and analysts.

"Several companies which emerged from NCLT-led insolvency proceedings are facing challenges in securing the right valuations during relisting due to the imposition of unrealistic price bands," said Martin Golla, a Mumbai-based lawyer, who specialises in insolvency and bankruptcy law.

Inappropriate valuation

"There are instances where companies have been stuck because of inappropriate valuation, and that hinders their ability to attract capital for the next phase of growth," he said.

"So, it's time authorities take cognizance of the matter and implement corrective measures to restore the credibility of the entire process," he added.

The latest to bear the brunt was Swan Defence and Heavy Industries (SDHI), which owns India's largest private shipyard.

The company, which was relisted on the bourses on January 20, 2025, after completion of the restructuring process, has been facing value erosion.

Despite a SEBI circular issued in 2012 prohibiting price bands on day one of relisting, it is said the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) and BSE are not adhering to the same.

This has resulted in an unrealistic price discovery at ₹35.99 per share compared with a book value of over ₹1,500, investors said.

Investors move SEBI

A section of investors in SDHI had approached SEBI to address the issue and are believed to have suggested a new price discovery mechanism providing the fair value of shares.

Long-standing investors in the company, who had held shares through the insolvency process with the hope of a price recovery after the relisting, are believed to be in a fix.

Despite a sharp uptick in prices, the scrip remains highly illiquid due to narrow trading windows and restrictive order execution limits, effectively trapping investors and denying them the opportunity to sell or pledge their positions, analysts said.

"I held SDHI [previously RNEL] shares for five years, hoping for a turnaround. Now that things are finally looking up, I find myself stuck–I still can't sell," said a retail investor, asking not to be named.

Apart from SDHI, several other companies, including a gaming company named String Metaverse, which got relisted on October 31, 2024, have been allegedly at the receiving end of "unrealistic price discovery triggered by rules imposed by the exchanges."

Bhushan Steel Ltd., Monnet Ispat & Energy Ltd., Jyoti Structure and ABG Shipyard Ltd., have faced similar issues related to price recovery mechanism, resulting in a protracted struggle for investors, analysts said. To arrive at a fair price discovery in holding firms, stock exchanges have implemented special call sessions. However, it had thrown unexpected outcome sometimes, they added.

Passengers can access lounges via portal: Adani Airports CEO

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Passengers travelling through any Adani Group airport will be able to access lounge services via their website eliminating the need for 'intermediaries,' according to Arun Bansal, CEO, Adani Airports Holding Ltd.

The company manages eight airports in India, including the upcoming Navi Mumbai airport and airports at Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Mangaluru, Guwahati, and Thiruvananthapuram.

"Passengers across India can now access lounges directly through our platform in partnership with other lounge operators. This means no intermediaries – only seamless, world-class experience delivered directly to our consumers," Mr. Bansal wrote in a post on LinkedIn. The post said such a platform was an initiative of its Digital Lab, the technology and digital solutions arm for its airports which links passengers directly with various airport services.

Mr. Bansal was responding to comments made by the CEO of airport service aggregator Dreamfolks, Liberatha Peter Kallat who said credit-card firms ended partnerships with them 'under pressure from two airport operators.'

On July 1, Dreamfolks, that partnered lounge operators and food and beverage firms at airports, informed the exchange some of its programmes for Axis Bank and ICICI bank were being closed and the impact of this would be "material in nature."

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WASHINGTON

Trump wins major victory as flagship Bill gets Congress nod

AFP

U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday secured a major political victory when Congress narrowly passed his flagship tax and spending Bill, cementing his radical second-term agenda and boosting funds for his anti-immigration drive. The Bill squeezed past a final vote 218-214. AFP

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia's mega dam on the Nile 'complete', to open in Sept., says PM

AFP

Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on Thursday said a multi-billion-dollar mega-dam on the Blue Nile that has long worried neighbouring countries is complete and will be officially inaugurated in September. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam is considered Africa's largest hydroelectric project. AFP

BERLIN

Germany's Merz urges EU to strike 'quick, simple' tariff deal with U.S.

REUTERS

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Thursday urged the European Union to strike a "quick and simple" deal on tariffs with the U.S., with just days to go before a negotiating deadline. "It is better to achieve a quick and simple solution than lengthy and complicated one that remains in the negotiation stage for months," he said. AFP

KABUL

Afghan Taliban deny involvement in disappearance of U.S. citizen

AFP

Afghanistan's Taliban authorities on Thursday denied involvement in the disappearance of a U.S. citizen in Kabul, after Washington announced $5 million reward for information on his whereabouts. Mahmood Shah Habibi was abducted along with his driver in 2022, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. AFP

Israel is using starvation to commit genocide: Amnesty

Tel Aviv has 'turned aid-seeking into a booby trap for desperate starved Palestinians' through the new aid system's militarised hubs; Israel's Foreign Minister denounced the report as propaganda

Associated Press
CAIRO

Amnesty International issued a report on Thursday claiming a controversial Israeli and U.S.-backed system to distribute aid in Gaza uses starvation tactics against Palestinians to continue to commit genocide in the Gaza Strip during Israel's war with Hamas.

The U.K.-based human rights group condemned Israel and the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, (GHF) which the U.S. and Israel have backed to take over aid distribution in Gaza from a network led by the UN. Israel's Foreign Minister denounced the Amnesty report, saying the organisation has "joined forces with Hamas and fully adopted all of its propaganda lies".

In grief: A Palestinian mourns during a funeral procession in Gaza City on Thursday for people killed while waiting for aid. AFP

Gaza's Health Ministry says more than 500 Palestinians have been killed at or near GHF distribution centres over the past month. The Amnesty report said Israel has "turned aid-seeking into a booby trap for desperate starved Palestinians" through GHF's militarised hubs. The conditions have created "a deadly mix of hunger and disease pushing the population past breaking point."

"This devastating daily loss of life as desperate Palestinians try to collect aid is the consequence of their deliberate targeting by Israeli forces and the foreseeable consequence of irresponsible and lethal methods of distribution," said Agnès Callamard, Amnesty's secretary general.

Air strikes and shootings in Gaza kill 94, say officials

Associated Press
TEL AVIV

Air strikes and shootings killed 94 Palestinians in Gaza overnight, including 45 who were attempting to get much-needed humanitarian aid, hospitals and the Health Ministry said on Thursday.

Israel's military did not immediately comment on the strikes.

Five people were killed while outside sites associated with the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, the newly created American organisation backed by Israel to feed the Gaza Strip's population, while 40 others were killed waiting for aid in other locations across the Gaza Strip.

Will not 'give up' on our aims in Ukraine, Putin tells Trump

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

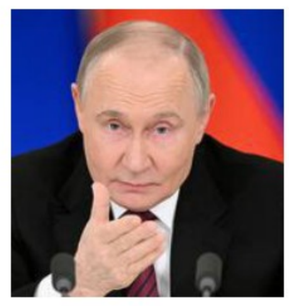
Russian leader Vladimir Putin told U.S. President Donald Trump through a telephonic conversation on Thursday that Moscow will not "give up" on its aims in Ukraine, the Kremlin said.

The pair spoke as U.S.-led peace talks on ending the more than three-year-old conflict in Ukraine have stalled and after Washington paused some weapons shipments to Kyiv.

The Kremlin said the call lasted almost an hour.

Mr. Trump has been frustrated with both Moscow and Kyiv as U.S. efforts to end fighting have yielded no breakthrough.

"Our President said that



Vladimir Putin

Russia will achieve the aims it set, that is to say the elimination of the root causes that led to the current state of affairs," Kremlin aide Yuri Ushakov told reporters.

Moscow has long described its maximalist aims in Ukraine as getting rid of the "root causes" of the conflict, demanding that Kyiv give up its NATO ambitions.

Moscow's offensive in Ukraine has killed hundreds of thousands of people and Russia now controls large swathes of eastern and southern Ukraine. Even so, Mr. Putin told Mr. Trump that Moscow would continue to take part in negotiations.

"Vladimir Putin said that we are continuing to look for a political, negotiated solution to the conflict," Mr. Ushakov said.

Moscow has for months refused to agree to a U.S.-proposed ceasefire in Ukraine.

The Kremlin said that Mr. Putin had also "stressed" to Mr. Trump that all conflicts in the West Asia should be solved "diplomatically", after the U.S. struck nuclear sites in Russia's ally Iran.

Russian deputy Navy chief killed in Kursk

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A high-ranking Russian General serving as deputy commander of the Navy was killed during "combat operations" in the Kursk region, officials said on Thursday, amid ongoing fighting in the area.

Mikhail Gudkov, 42, had served in the military since 2000 and was made "Hero of the Russian Federation" by President Vladimir Putin in 2023 – the Kremlin's highest honour. He is one of the most senior Russian military officers to have been killed since Moscow launched its offensive on Ukraine in February 2022.

"During combat operations in one of the border areas of the Kursk region on July 2, 2025... Major General Mikhail Evgenievich Gudkov was killed," Russia's state *RIA* news agency quoted the Defence Ministry as saying.

Flowers placed in front of a photograph of Major General Mikhail Gudkov.

Oleg Kozhemyako, head of the Primorye region in Russia's Far East, said Gudkov "was killed carrying out his duty as an officer". Mr. Kozhemyako praised him as a "strong-spirited fighter". He said Gudkov was a former commander of the 155th Guards Naval Infantry Brigade of the Pacific Fleet based in the Russian Far East.

U.S. defence chief 'inciting conflict', says top Chinese official

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BEIJING

A senior Chinese official accused the United States Defense Secretary on Thursday of "inciting confrontation and conflict" after he urged U.S. allies to bolster their militaries to counter Beijing.

China and the U.S. last month said they had reached an understanding on a trade deal – a truce after bruising tit-for-tat tariffs on each other's goods. But the two countries still disagree on issues ranging from technology and security to geopolitics, including the conflicts in Ukraine and the West Asia, as well as Beijing's territorial claims in Asia.

U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has warned that China is preparing to use military force to upend the balance of power in Asia and has urged American allies to achieve "peace through strength".

On Thursday, Liu Jianchao, the head of the International Department of China's ruling Communist Party, said Mr. Hegseth's remarks constituted "hegemonic thinking".

"What he truly wants is force, not dialogue," Mr. Liu told the World Peace Forum in Beijing. "What he is inciting is confrontation and conflict," he said.

China and the U.S. have long been at odds over Beijing's claims in the strategically crucial South China Sea, and its refusal to rule out using force to seize Taiwan, the self-governed island it claims as its own.

"The Chinese government has made it crystal clear that it will never back down on these issues," Mr. Liu said.

"The Chinese people will do their utmost to strive for the prospect of peaceful reunification of the motherland, but we will never allow Taiwan independence," he added.

Thailand gets new PM amid political turmoil

Associated Press
BANGKOK

Thailand swore in new Cabinet members on Thursday with its government in flux after the Constitutional Court suspended the Prime Minister less than a year after the same court removed her predecessor.

Paetongtarn Shinawatra, who was suspended as Prime Minister while under an ethics investigation for a conversation with a senior Cambodian leader, returned to the Cabinet as Culture Minister.

The top job was filled by Phumtham Wechayachai, a longtime ally of Ms. Paetongtarn's father, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Mr. Phumtham served under Ms. Paetongtarn as Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister. He was sworn in on Thursday as Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister.

Mr. Phumtham told reporters that he would keep things running and denied that recent events showed instability within the government.

Ms. Paetongtarn has faced growing dissatisfaction over her handling of a border dispute with Cambodia, including an armed confrontation in May in which a Cambodian soldier was killed.

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SHOT IN THE ARM

It gives you confidence when you score with the captain, says Jadeja

AFP

Outside India, batting [by the lower-order] is of big help. It is challenging. If you play with the captain and make a big score, it gives you confidence. While batting, it didn't look like he (Shubman Gill) was the skipper and that there was added responsibility. It didn't seem like he was going to get out — Ravindra Jadeja.

TRUE SURFACE

Not one ball has spun hard in two days, reckons Jadeja

AFP

Not one ball has spun hard in two days. Wicket is good for batting and the fields have to be in and out because there are high chances of boundaries. We have to keep it tight, create doubts in the batters' mind and hope it [the ball] goes up and down on day three. And scoreboard pressure will always be there — Ravindra Jadeja.

STERN TEST

West Indies pacers strike to keep Australia in check on day one

AFP

West Indies pacers struck to leave Australia at 93 for 4 in 23 overs at lunch on the first day of the second Test in Grenada. Opting to bat, Australia lost opener Usman Khawaja (16) to Alzarri Joseph (2/28) before three more batters fell. **The scores:** Australia 93/4 in 23 overs vs West Indies. **Toss:** Australia.

LATEST UPDATE

Gukesh gets the better of world No. 1 Carlsen in Grand Chess Tour

FILCKR/GRANDCHESSTOUR

World champion D. Gukesh beat Norway's Magnus Carlsen in the sixth round of the Grand Chess Tour in Zagreb, Croatia, on Thursday. The Indian has 10 points after beating the World No. 1. In the lead-up to the match, Carlsen had said he would approach it as if he was coming up against 'one of the presumably weaker players'.

Gill's masterful double hundred puts India in command

The skipper adds 203 for the sixth wicket partnering Jadeja and follows it up with a 144-run stand in the company of Washington; Akash and Siraj reduce the home team to 77 for three by stumps

INDIA IN ENGLAND

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

Twice in Leeds India had threatened to bury England under a mountain of runs – at 430 for three in the first innings and 333 for four in the second.

But it was here at Edgbaston on Thursday that the visitors finally made good on the promise by raking up a mammoth 587-run total on the second day of the second Test against England.

Captain Shubman Gill led with a towering double century (269, 387b, 30x4, 3x6), the first of his Test career. It was also the best score by an Indian captain, surpassing the unbeaten 254 Virat Kohli had made against South Africa in Pune in 2019.

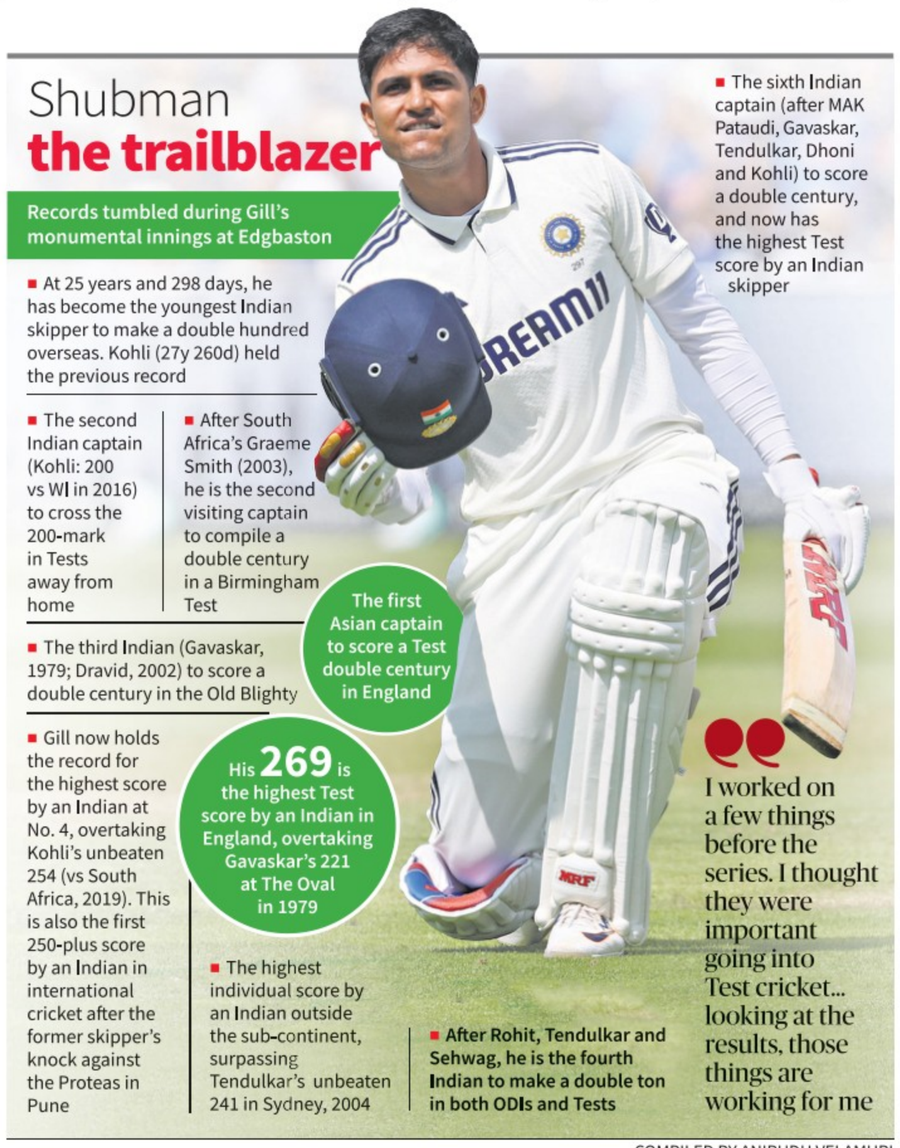
The effort soon acquired an additional halo as Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj, aided by some sharp catching in the cordon, reduced England to 77 for three by stumps, with Joe Root (18 batting, 37b, 1x4) and Harry Brook (30 batting, 53b, 4x4, 1x6) at the crease.

Gill's knock was an epitome of concentration and discipline as he stood vigil for 509 long minutes. Like a seasoned musician who knew the value of not shoehorning all of his potential hits into one single album, Gill was austere and yet impressive, playing his signature shots but not all of them.

Long vigil: Gill was all concentration and discipline in his 269. AP

Along with fellow overnight batter Ravindra Jadeja, the 25-year-old combined for a 203-run partnership for the sixth wicket. Like Gill, the southpaw too eschewed flamboyance, reserving it only for the swishing-sword celebration that came out when he reached his 23rd Test half-century (89, 137b, 10x4, 1x6).

Gill began the morning with a beautiful driven boundary off Chris Woakes, and then whipped Brydon Carse to the mid-wicket fence and square-drove the pacer. England tried bowling short, only to encounter Gill's assured resistance, as seen in the way he deftly steered Carse behind square for four.


Shubman
the trailblazer
Records tumbled during Gill's monumental innings at Edgbaston
At 25 years and 298 days, he has become the youngest Indian skipper to make a double hundred overseas. Kohli (27y 260d) held the previous record
The second Indian captain (Kohli: 200 vs WI in 2016) to cross the 200-mark in Tests away from home
After South Africa's Graeme Smith (2003), he is the second visiting captain to compile a double century in a Birmingham Test
The first Asian captain to score a Test double century in England
The third Indian (Gavaskar, 1979; Dravid, 2002) to score a double century in the Old Blighty
Gill now holds the record for the highest score by an Indian at No. 4, overtaking Kohli's unbeaten 254 (vs South Africa, 2019). This is also the first 250-plus score by an Indian in international cricket after the former skipper's knock against the Proteas in Pune
His 269 is the highest Test score by an Indian in England, overtaking Gavaskar's 221 at The Oval in 1979
The highest individual score by an Indian outside the sub-continent, surpassing Tendulkar's unbeaten 241 in Sydney, 2004
The sixth Indian captain (after MAK Pataudi, Gavaskar, Tendulkar, Dhoni and Kohli) to score a double century, and now has the highest Test score by an Indian skipper
After Rohit, Tendulkar and Sehwag, he is the fourth Indian to make a double ton in both ODIs and Tests
I worked on a few things before the series. I thought they were important going into Test cricket... looking at the results, those things are working for me

COMPILED BY ANIRUDH VELAMURI

Off-spinner Shoaib Bashir then brought out his variations – coming around the wicket and also dishing out the carrom ball.

But Jadeja lofted him over long-on to bring up the team 400 before Gill slog-swept the tall man to mark 200 runs of the association. However, moments before lunch, a wicked delivery from Josh Tongue caught a hopping Jadeja on the glove and the cherry lobbed to wicketkeeper Jamie Smith. Washington Sundar, chosen to lend India some batting depth, was welcomed with a barrage of short deliveries into his body. Stokes even stationed three slips, two leg-slips and two short-legs in a panic-inducing phase.

But Washington absorbed the pressure, returned from the break transformed and gave Gill the ideal company (42, 103b, 3x4, 1x6) as the duo stood together for 144 runs, of which the skipper scored more than two-thirds. Gill hit Bashir for a six over mid-off and then cover-drove Tongue to move into the 190s.

The double-century came via a single off a controlled pull to fine-leg, quite emblematic of his overall stay. It was minimalist batting and yet wholly efficient.

After the milestone, Gill, who had until then adjusted and made sly cuts to his usually vibrant approach, turned expansive.

Ben Stokes tossed the ball to part-timer Brook and Gill duly caned him for five fours. However, just like in the first session, a set Indian batter fell before a recess, with Root rearranging Washington's stumps.

After tea, Gill departed too, but not before constructing a monument that literally stood the test of time.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
Yashasvi Jaiswal c Smith b Stokes 87 *(107b, 13x4)*, K.L. Rahul b Woakes 2 *(26b)*, Karun Nair c Brook b Carse 31 *(50b, 5x4)*, Shubman Gill c Pope b Tongue 269 *(387b, 30x4, 3x6)*, Rishabh Pant c Crawley b Bashir 25 *(42b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Nitish Kumar b Woakes 1 *(6b)*, Ravindra Jadeja c Smith b Tongue 89 *(137b, 10x4, 1x6)*, Washington Sundar b Root 42 *(103b, 3x4, 1x6)*, Akash Deep c Duckett b Bashir 6 *(13b, 1x4)*, Mohammed Siraj st. Smith b Bashir 8 *(23b, 1x4)*, Prasidh Krishna (not out) 5 *(20b)*; Extras (b-6, lb-6, nb-8, w-2): 22; Total (in 151 overs): 587.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-15 (Rahul, 8.4 overs), 2-95 (Karun, 23.3), 3-161 (Jaiswal, 45.1), 4-208 (Pant, 60.1), 5-211 (Nitish, 61.4), 6-414 (Jadeja, 107.3), 7-558 (Washington, 138.4), 8-574 (Gill, 143.3), 9-574 (Akash, 144.2).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Woakes 25-6-81-2, Carse 24-3-83-1, Tongue 28-2-119-2, Stokes 19-0-74-1, Bashir 45-2-167-3, Root 5-0-20-1, Brook 5-0-31-0.

ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
Zak Crawley c Karun b Siraj 19 *(30b, 3x4)*, Ben Duckett c Gill b Akash 0 *(5b)*, Ollie Pope c Rahul b Akash 0 *(1b)*, Joe Root (batting) 18 *(37b, 1x4)*, Harry Brook (batting) 30 *(53b, 4x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-4, nb-6): 10; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 77.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-13 (Duckett, 2.4), 2-13 (Pope, 2.5), 3-25 (Crawley, 7.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Akash 7-1-36-2, Siraj 7-2-21-1, Prasidh 3-0-11-0, Nitish 1-0-1-0, Jadeja 2-1-4-0.

Djokovic, Krejcikova advance in contrasting style

WIMBLEDON

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LONDON

Novak Djokovic crushed British wildcard Dan Evans in the Wimbledon second round as he stepped up his bid for a record 25th Grand Slam title, while defending women's champion Barbora Krejcikova battled into the third round.

After three days of stunning upsets at Wimbledon, Djokovic avoided becoming the latest star to crash out in second-round action.

The Serb needed just one hour and 47 minutes to dispatch Evans with a ruthless 6-3, 6-2, 6-0 victory on Centre Court.

"It means I've been playing quite a long time!" Djokovic said when told he had just secured his 99th Wimbledon match victory.

"I still enjoy it. This court has given me so much. Wimbledon has a special place in my heart. Any history made here is obviously extra special."

New record

The Serb's 19 third-round appearances puts him one ahead of Roger Federer for most by any man in the Open Era.

"Nineteen times, that's a great stat," said the 38-year-old Djokovic. "That's probably almost as much as Sinner and Alcaraz have years in their lives."

And despite losing the last two Wimbledon finals against Carlos Alcaraz, Djokovic believes the lawns of south-west London provide his best chance to win that elusive 25th Major.

"I'm aware of the history on the line. I'm thinking about the big things I can do in this tournament," he said.

"I don't reflect on it for now. I think that will come when I sip a margarita on the beach with Federer and (Rafael) Nadal!"

Eight top 10 seeds in the men's and women's singles were beaten in the first round, which ranks as the most at a Grand Slam in the Open era.

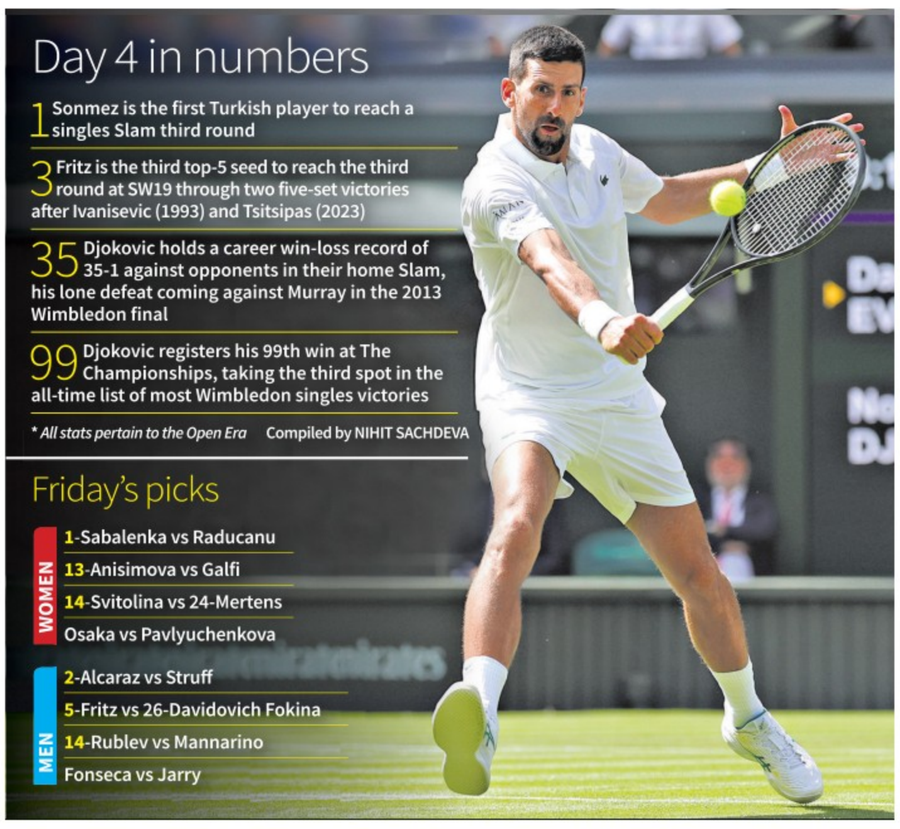
Only one of the top five women's seeds – World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka – is still standing. But Krejcikova and five-time Grand Slam winner Iga Swiatek avoided joining the big name casualties with hard-fought three set wins.

Despite not feeling 100%, Krejcikova overcame American Caroline Dolehide 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 to set up a meeting with Emma Navarro.

"Definitely a huge relief," said the Czech. "I wasn't feeling that well but I was fighting for every ball. I'm really happy I won the third set."

Swiatek has previously struggled on Wimbledon's lush lawns despite being a former junior champion at the All England Club. The former World No. 1dropped the first set to American Caty McNally before roaring back to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Elena Rybykina, Wimbledon winner in 2022, was in fine form as she demolished Maria Sakkari 6-3, 6-1, while Russian seventh seed Mirra Andreeva, aged just 18, beat Italy's Lucia Bronzetti 6-1, 7-6(4) on Court One.


Day 4 in numbers
1 Sonmez is the first Turkish player to reach a singles Slam third round
3 Fritz is the third top-5 seed to reach the third round at SW19 through two five-set victories after Ivanisevic (1993) and Tsitsipas (2023)
35 Djokovic holds a career win-loss record of 35-1 against opponents in their home Slam, his lone defeat coming against Murray in the 2013 Wimbledon final
99 Djokovic registers his 99th win at The Championships, taking the third spot in the all-time list of most Wimbledon singles victories
* All stats pertain to the Open Era
Compiled by NIHIT SACHDEVA
Friday's picks
WOMEN
1-Sabalenka vs Raducanu
13-Anisimova vs Galfi
14-Svitolina vs 24-Mertens
Osaka vs Pavlyuchenkova
MEN
2-Alcaraz vs Struff
5-Fritz vs 26-Davidovich Fokina
14-Rublev vs Mannarino
Fonseca vs Jarry

IMPORTANT RESULTS

Men: Second round:
29-Nakashima (USA) bt Opelka (USA) 7-5, 6-2, 6-7(6), 6-3; 22-Cobolli (Ita) bt Jones (GBr) 6-1, 7-6(6), 6-2; 11-de Minaur (Aus) bt Cazaux (Fra) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-0; 15-Mensik (Cze) bt Giron (USA) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(4); 6-Djokovic (Srb) bt Dan Evans (GBr) 6-3, 6-2, 6-0; 19-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Moutet (Fra) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 7-5; 5-Fritz (USA) bt Diallo (Can) 3-6, 6-3, 7-6(0), 4-6, 6-3; Bellucci (Ita) bt 23-Lehecka (Cze) 7-6(4), 6-1, 7-5;

Doubles: First round:
Reyes-Varela (Mex) & Balaji (Ind) bt Kovacevic & Tien (USA) 6-4, 6-4.

Women: Second round:
8-Swiatek (Pol) bt McNally (USA) 5-7, 6-2, 6-1; 17-Krejcikova (Cze) bt Dolehide (USA) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; 19-Samsonova (Rus) bt Starodubtseva (Ukr) 6-2, 6-1.

10-Navarro (USA) bt Kudermetova (Rus) 6-1, 6-2; 7-Andreeva (Rus) bt Bronzetti (Ita) 6-1, 7-6(4); 18-Alexandrova (Rus) bt Lamens (Ned) 6-4, 6-0; 11-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Sakkari (Gre) 6-3, 6-1; 14-Svitolina (Ukr) bt Sasnovich (Blr) 6-2, 6-4.

Rakhimova (Rus) bt 4-Paolini (Ita) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; 30-Noskova (Cze) bt Lys (Ger) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; Galfi (Hun) bt 21-Maia (Bra) 7-6(7), 6-1.

Parry (Fra) bt 12-Shnaider (Rus) 6-4, 6-1; Pavlyuchenkova (Rus) bt 31-Krueger (USA) 7-6(4), 6-4; Osaka (Jpn) bt Siniakova (Cze) 6-3, 6-2.

Fallen seeds
Men: 23-Lehecka
Women: 4-Paolini, 12-Shnaider, 21-Maia, 31-Krueger

Pakistan team gets clearance for Asia Cup hockey in India

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

In a major development, the Pakistan men's hockey team has reportedly been cleared for participation in the upcoming Asia Cup next month.

The decision was assured by Sports Ministry officials on Thursday after clearances were received from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Home Ministry for the same. "We are not against any team competing in India in a multinational competition," the official said.

There had been speculation on Pakistan's travel for the event due to ongoing tensions between the two countries but the decision is likely to open up further sporting activities in major upcoming competitions including Junior World Cup shooting, World Para Athletics Championships (both in national capital) and FIH Junior World Cup in Chennai in December.

Officials, however, stopped short of formally confirming clearances, saying instead that the Pakistan team "would not be stopped" from travelling. The PHF had earlier declared that it would participate. Hockey India representatives and a joint delegation of the Sports Ministry and IOA met FIH president Tayyab Ikram in Lausanne recently.

Bihar State Sports Authority DG and CEO Raveendran Sankaran, host of the tournament, confirmed the development. "We have received the mail from Hockey India confirming Pakistan's clearance," he said.

Hockey India, however, claimed it hasn't yet received any official communique from the Ministry. "We have always said that we will abide by any decision and instruction from the government," HI secretary general Bhola Nath Singh said.

Pakistan last travelled to India for 2023 Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai, finishing fifth in six-team competition. The Asia Cup is to be held in Rajgir, Bihar from August 27-September 7 and is a qualifying event for the 2026 World Cup.

INBRIEF

Sarbartho, Brijesh, Pratitee triumph in FIDE Cadets WC

Sarbartho Mani and Brijesh Divi won the Open and girls' under-10 gold respectively while Pratitee Bordoloi took the honours in girls' under-12 section in the FIDE World Cup Cadets 2025 event in Batumi, Georgia. It was a clean sweep by India in the Open under-10 *(pic)* category.

Other medal winners: Silver: Mondal Oishik (Open u-10), Dowda Aadya (girls' u-12); **bronze**: Kapil Aarit (Open u-10), A.S. Sharvaanica (girls' u-10).

Sankar Muthusamy gets the better of Ayush Shetty

India's Ayush Shetty lost to Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian at the Canada Open Super 300 badminton tournament in Calgary on Wednesday. Sankar Muthusamy got the better of fifth-seeded Ayush 23-21, 21-12 in 44 minutes.

Hitesh, Sakshi assure India two more medals

Hitesh Gulia (men's 70kg) and Sakshi (women's 54kg) assured India of two more medals after securing semifinal spots at the World Boxing Cup in Astana, Kazakhstan, on Thursday. Hitesh delivered a dominant 5-0 win over Kazakhstan's Almaz Orozbekov in the quarterfinals, while beat Brazil's Tatiana Regina de Jesus Chagas via a unanimous decision.

Atletico signs midfielder Baena from Villareal

Atletico Madrid has signed Spanish midfielder Alex Baena from Villareal, the LaLiga club said on Wednesday, with the 23-year-old signing a five-year contract in a deal reportedly worth €50 million ($58.92 million) according to Spanish media. Baena, who plays primarily as a left winger, was also a part of Spain's gold-medal winning side at the Paris Olympics last year, where he scored in the final against France. He was named on the LaLiga Team of the Season for the most recent campaign.

Brescia kicked out of Serie C after going bankrupt

Brescia, the club that Roberto Baggio ended his career with, had its national license revoked and was kicked out of Serie C on Thursday after going bankrupt, the Italian soccer federation said. Brescia owner Massimo Cellino's failure to pay back millions in debts had already resulted in the club's relegation from the second division.

LIVE TELECAST

Wimbledon: Star Sports 1, SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.

England vs India: 2nd Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3.30 p.m.

TNPL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 7.15 p.m.

West Indies vs Australia: 2nd Test, day 2, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

England Women vs India Women: 3rd T20I, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 11 p.m.

Neeraj Chopra Classic to expand with more events

The champion javelin thrower says doing so will give a chance for Indian athletes to compete against world-class talent at a global event in the coming years

ATHLETICS

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Star attraction: Neeraj expects an electric atmosphere at the Sri Kanteerava Stadium during the World Athletics Gold status event. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Neeraj Chopra Classic could become a bigger event in the coming years with the addition of more events, Neeraj Chopra said here on Thursday.

The inaugural edition of the World Athletics Gold status event, which will be held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium here on Saturday, is currently reserved for javelin throw.

Speaking at a press conference organised by the Karnataka Olympic Association (KOA) and the DYES, Neeraj said, "In the coming years, we are going to add more events, and increase the scale of the tournament.

Big chance

"This will give a chance for all our Indian athletes to compete against world-class athletes at a global event."

The star-studded field is bound to inspire young, aspiring athletes, Neeraj said.

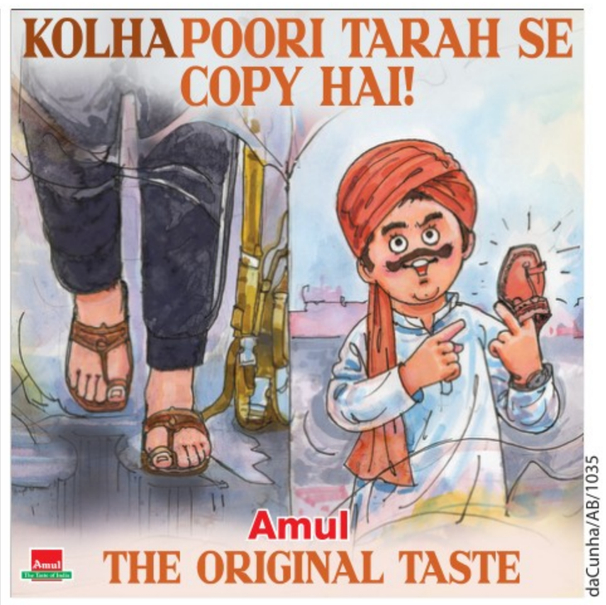
The two-time Olympic medallist is no stranger to the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, having attended many Bengaluru FC matches at the venue. The 27-year-old expects an electric atmosphere on Saturday.

"It will be a very good atmosphere. I think a lot of people will come to support us. We are also inviting local track and field athletes. I want parents to bring their children so that the sport of track and field rises in popularity," Neeraj said.

Neeraj spoke about his long association with the city of Bengaluru, having trained here in the past.

"*Namaskara*, Karnataka," Neeraj smiled and said, "I feel very good about coming to Bengaluru. I have trained here at SAI for five to six months in 2016-17. We used to roam in malls, M.G. Road... It was fun, and I miss those days.

"But yes, this is my first time competing in Bengaluru. And that too in an international event. I'm happy with the preparations. I thank the DYES, Karnataka Olympic Association, the Karnataka government, (KOA president) Govind Raj and the Karnataka Chief Minister for helping us host this event on short notice," Neeraj said.



Gukesh in joint lead after two straight wins

GRAND CHESS TOUR

Press Trust of India
ZAGREB

World champion D. Gukesh posted two straight victories to tie for the top spot with World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen of Norway, Duda Jan-Krzysztof of Poland and American Wesley So at the end of the first three rounds of Super United rapid and blitz chess tournament, part of the Grand Chess Tour.

Starting the day with a loss to Duda, Gukesh beat Alireza Firouzja of France before defeating R. Praggnanandhaa to win four points out of a possible six.

Carlsen beat So and drew his remaining two games against Ivan Saric and Duda to match Gukesh on points, while Wesley was the only other player involved in all decisive games, apart from Gukesh, as he put it across US compatriot Fabiano Caruana and Anish Giri of the Netherlands.

Praggnanandhaa drew with Firouzja and Nodirbek Abdusattorov of Uzbekistan with the loss against Gukesh costing him dearly.

Standing after third round:
1-4: Carlsen (Nor); Jan-Krzysztof (Pol); So (USA), Gukesh 4; 5-6: Ivan Saric (Cro); Anish Giri (Ned) 3; 7-10; Caruana (USA); Abdusattorov (Uzb); Firouzja (Fra); Praggnanandhaa 2.

Liverpool's Jota dies in car crash in Spain

FOOTBALL

Reuters
MADRID

Irreparable loss: Jota arrived at Anfield in 2020 and scored 65 goals in 182 appearances for the club in all competitions. AP

Liverpool's Portuguese forward Diogo Jota and his brother died in a car crash in northwestern Spain early on Thursday, when their Lamborghini veered off the road and burst into flames, authorities said.

Evidence at the scene of the crash near the city of Zamora suggests Jota's car suffered a burst tyre while overtaking, Spanish police said in a statement.

Footage from the crash site showed police blocking a two-lane highway as one officer examined the charred remains of the car that had flipped over and ended up on the central verge.

Jota, 28, had just married his partner of ten years in late June, with whom he had three children. "My dream came true," his wife Rute Cardoso wrote on Instagram of their wedding.

"It doesn't make sense. We were only just in the national team together, you'd only just got married," fellow Portugal international Cristiano Ronaldo said on X.

Liverpool Football Club said it was devastated by the news of Jota's death. Jota arrived at Anfield in 2020 and scored 65 goals in 182 appearances for the club in all competitions.

Jota's brother, Andre Silva, who died alongside him, was also a footballer, with Penafiel in the Portuguese second division.

"We have lost two champions. Their deaths represent irreparable losses for Portuguese football, and we will do everything we can to honour their legacy every day," the Portuguese Football Federation said.

Jota helped Liverpool win the Premier League last season, scoring the derby winner against Everton, and also won the FA Cup in 2022 and League Cup in 2022 and 2024 with the Merseyside outfit.

Born in Porto, he began his career with local team Pacos de Ferreira before switching to Wolverhampton Wanderers in 2017.

"We are heartbroken. Diogo was adored by our fans, loved by his teammates and cherished by everyone who worked with him during his time at Wolves," the club said.

Jota also made 49 appearances for Portugal, twice winning the UEFA Nations League.

Ministry plans sports conclave

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. ANI

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Sports Ministry has planned a two-day Sports Conclave to bring together the national federations, sportspersons, coaches and corporate sector, to discuss the way forward for Indian sports.

Close on the heels of the vision document, approved as the National sports policy by the Union Cabinet, the government is expected to bring the Sports Bill, for better governance of sports.

It will also open the avenue for sports tribunal, for speedy justice, and quick disposal of disputes.

The judiciary will always be the last resort, and the sports tribunal, focused solely on sports matters, will attempt quick resolution.

The government is also busy rephrasing the National Anti Doping Act after the previous proposal was rejected by the World Anti Doping Agency (WADA).

Meanwhile, the Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced that the Khelo India Water Sports Festival would be hosted at the Dal Lake in Srinagar, from August 21 to 23.

Five sports, Kayaking and canoeing, rowing, water skiing, shikara race and dragon boat will feature in the festival, expected to attract about 400 athletes from across the country.

"Like Khelo India Beach Games, we want Khelo India to become more inclusive and reach out to every corner of the country."

Pedro boost for Chelsea ahead of Palmeiras tie

Agence France-Presse
PHILADELPHIA

New signing Joao Pedro could make his debut for Chelsea when it renews acquaintances with Brazilian outfit Palmeiras in the quarterfinals of the Club World Cup on Friday (Saturday 6.30 a.m. IST).

The 23-year-old Brazilian forward completed a move to Chelsea from Brighton and Hove Albion for a reported £60 million ($79 million) on Wednesday and immediately began training with Enzo Maresca's squad in Miami.

That is where Chelsea has been preparing for the last eight of the tournament in the USA, before travelling back to Philadelphia on Thursday ahead of the clash with Palmeiras.

"I'm very excited to play for Chelsea, to fight for every title, every tournament and play in the Champions League. Hopefully, we win as many trophies as possible," Pedro told the club's website after putting pen to paper on an eight-year contract.

Smriti stuns top seed Awad, reaches the quarterfinals

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Smriti Bhasin knocked out the top seed Jacqueline Cabaj Awad of Sweden 6-2, 6-4 in the pre-quarterfinals of the $15,000 ITF women's tennis tournament in Hillcrest, South Africa, on Thursday. In the quarterfinals, Smriti will play Lexue Xiao of China.

The results:

€91,250 Challenger, Brasov, Romania: Doubles (quarterfinals): Siddhant Bhanthia & Alexander Donski (Bul) bt Andrew Paulson & Michael Vrbensky (Cze) 6-4, 7-5.

€91,250 Challenger, Modena, Italy: Doubles (quarterfinals): Ivan Liutarevich & Mick Veldheer (Ned) bt Sergio Gornes (Esp) & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-1, 3-6, [10-7].

$54,000 Challenger, Troyes, France: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Axel Garcian & Harold Mayot (Fra) bt Francis Casey Alcantara (Phi) & Parikshit Somani 6-4, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF men, Monastir, Tunisia: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Pablo Gomez (Esp) bt Karan Singh 6-4, 6-4; Cooper Williams (USA) bt Dev Javia 7-5, 6-2.

$60,000 ITF women, Bucharest, Romania: Doubles (quarterfinals): Rutuja Bhosale & Wushuang Zheng (Chn) bt Mariana Drazic (Cro) & Shuo Feng (Chn) 7-5, 6-0; Riya Bhatia & Sada Nahimana (Bdi) bt Ines Ibbou (Alg) & Naima Karamoko (Sui) 6-3, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF women, Hillcrest, South Africa: Singles (pre-quarterfinals): Smriti Bhasin bt Jacqueline Cabaj Awad (Swe) 6-2, 6-4; Allegra van der Walt (RSA) bt Paavanii Paathak 6-4, 6-4.

$15,000 ITF women, Los Angeles: Singles (first round): Maria Aytoyan (USA) bt Prathyusha Rachapudi 6-4, 6-3; Krisha Mahendran bt Simone Kay (USA) 6-2, 6-0.

$15,000 ITF women, Hong Kong: Doubles (quarterfinals): Mayuka Aikawa & Kisa Yoshioka (Jpn) bt Ashmitha Easwaramurthi & Yuhan Liu (Chn) 6-2, 6-2.

PGA Tour does away with staggered start for FedEx Cup finale

GOLF

Associated Press
CALIFORNIA

The PGA Tour has done away with the staggered start for the FedEx Cup finale. In its place is a new pay structure with staggered bonuses to whoever is leading at three points in the final month of the season.

The FedEx Cup champion will get $10 million, down from $25 million. However, if the No. 1 seed would still get $25 million if he stays at the top throughout the playoffs.

The bonus pool remains at $100 million under the structure released Wednesday.

But instead of the FedEx Cup champion receiving $25 million at the end of the Tour Championship, the No. 1 player will get $10 million after the regular season ends with the Wyndham Champion.

Whoever leads the FedEx Cup after the BMW Championship gets $5 million. And the Tour Championship winner gets $10 million.

This caps an overhaul to what the PGA Tour hopes can lead to a more compelling – and less confusing – end to the season.

The staggered start – also known as starting strokes – gave the No. 1 seed a two-shot lead at the Tour Championship by putting him at 10-under par before the tournament event started.

Now the top 30 who reach East Lake will start even, just like any tournament, and whoever wins the Tour Championship is the FedEx Cup champion.

No penalty

To account for the winner-take-all nature of the Tour Championship, the pay structure was altered to make sure season-long performances were still rewarded, and top players did not get penalised too much for having a bad week at East Lake.

Scottie Scheffler was so dominant last year he led the FedEx Cup all through the playoffs, picking up the $25 million bonus as the champion.

If the new payment structure had been in place in 2023, however, Jon Rahm would have received $10 million for leading the FedEx Cup going into the playoffs; Scheffler would have won $5 million for leading after the BMW Championship; and Viktor Hovland would have won $10 million for being the FedEx Cup champion.

Rahm was the No. 1 seed starting the 2023 playoffs, tied for 18th in the Tour Championship and his postseason payout was $675,000. Under the new payment plan, Rahm would have received $12,208,750 for his FedEx Cup bonus – No. 1 going into the playoff, No. 4 after the BMW Championship and a tie for 21st in the Tour Championship.

The Tour Championship effectively would have a $40 million purse, but the bonus money still will count as unofficial.

The FedEx Cup points for the FedEx St. Jude Championship and the BMW Championship will remain quadruple the value to allow for movement in the standings.

The Comcast Business Tour Top 10 is still around, a $40 million bonus pool for the regular season.